

GREEK LIFE

Groups pick
'Grease' for
week's themeBy Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

Greek Week planners drew inspiration from the movie "Grease" for this year's celebration.

The weeklong event takes place next week. It begins Sunday with the annual Olympiad and consists of many competitions and events to celebrate Greek Life.

The theme for this year's Greek Week is "Greek Lightning," Greek Week Planning Committee Member Ashley Knierim said.

"We chose that theme, because everyone knows that movie ("Grease")," Knierim said. "All the music for Greek Sing is from that fun era."

It is a week where all Greek organizations come together and celebrate being Greek, Knierim said.

"Greek Week is also about the Greek organizations showing their appreciation through community service projects," Knierim said. "This year, we chose the Humane Society, so everyone is going to go and spend time there, and all the money we earn during the week through different events will go toward the Humane Society."

The week is not just about competing against each other. It is also about having fun, Knierim said.

Greeks still compete during Greek Week. They try to emphasize it as a friendly competition. It's not too big of a competition, Graduate Assistant Abby Stephens said.

Greek Week also gives Greek organizations the chance to show their pride, Stephens said.

There is a Rec. Night and Greek Sing, and these events are all about pride and having fun, Stephens said.

Greek Week Schedule

Olympiad — 1 p.m., Sunday, at the practice fields near Bearcat Pitch.

Zeus and Hera — 7 p.m., Monday, in the Performing Arts Center.

Greek Sing — 7 p.m., Tuesday, at the Performing Arts Center.

Casino Night — 7 p.m., Wednesday, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Rec Night and Awards — 7 p.m., Thursday, March 13, in the Recreation Center.

Up'til Dawn Finale — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Friday, March 14, in Bearcat Arena.

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

Society's Bridal
Show celebrates
35th year SundayBy Sara Kendall
Missourian Reporter

There is a new twist on an old tradition.

Sigma Society will host its 35th annual Bridal Show and this year all proceeds will go to the Women and Children's Center of Maryville.

The Women and Children's Center in Maryville is a local safe house for women and their children who have been abused or don't feel safe in their home life, said Erin Jewell, Sigma Society Bridal Show chair.

Sigma Society is a service sorority and it felt donating its profits would be a good reflection on its service status, she said.

This is the first year Sigma Society has donated the proceeds from the show to such an organization, Jewell said.

The show will take place at 2 p.m., Sunday, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Admission is \$3.

Sigma Society has been planning this year's show since the show concluded last year, Jewell said.

This year's theme is "Going to the Chapel" and will be hosted as a mixer with Phi Delta Theta fraternity, said Megan Switzer, Sigma Society community service co-chair.

"We have had male models in the past, but this is the first year we are hosting the Bridal Show as a mixer with Phi Delta Theta," she said.

The men of Phi Delta Theta will help with setup as well as help with modeling the vendors' tuxedos, Sigma Society Vice President Rachel Ludwig said.

The show will feature several vendors from around the area including caterers, florists, photographers, bridal shops and jewelry and makeup vendors. A fashion show will conclude the day's events, Ludwig said.

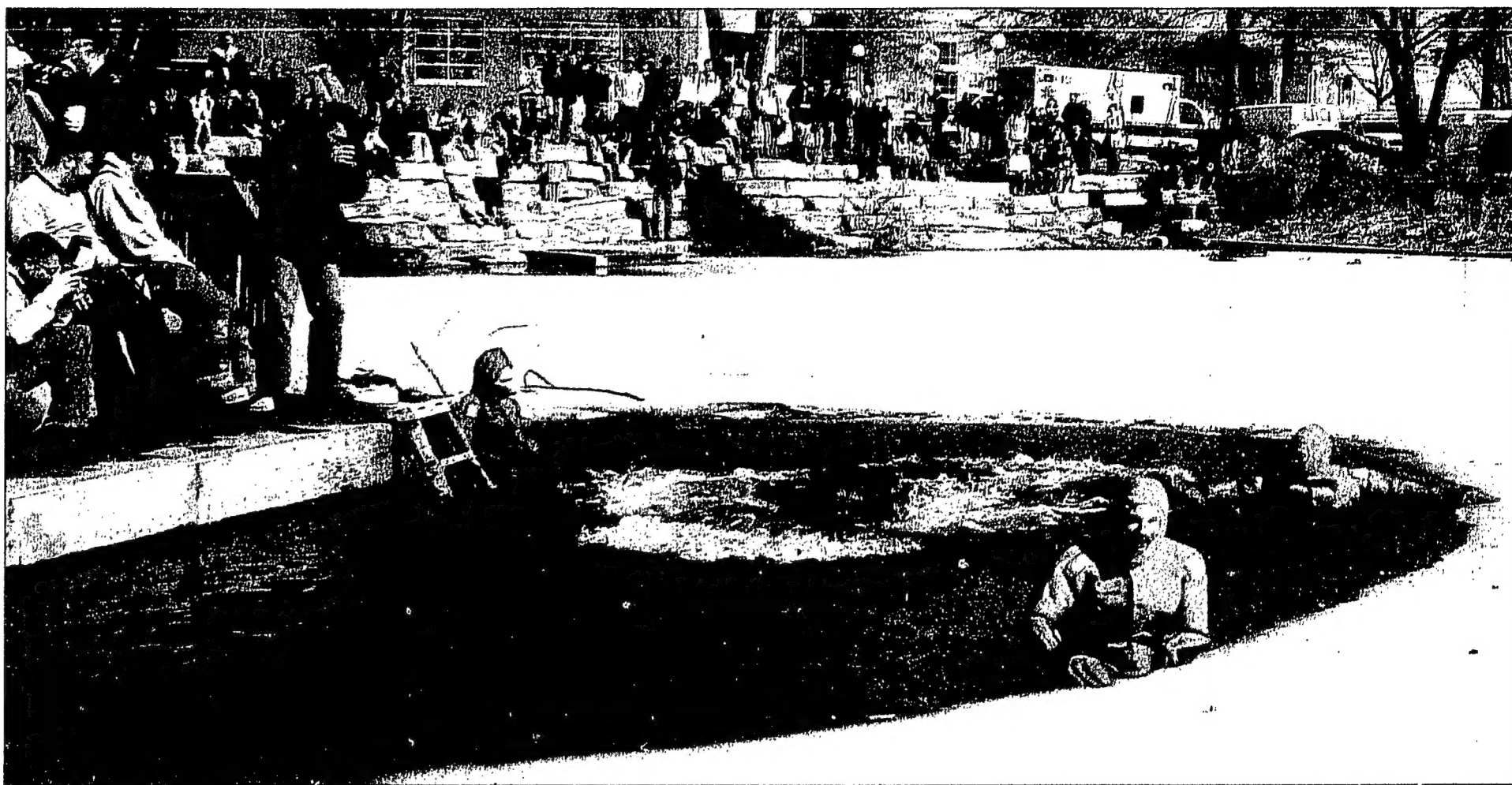
Each vendor will have a booth set up and attendees will be able to visit the booths before and after the fashion show, Ludwig said.

In addition to showing their products and services, the vendors will donate door prizes to be given away throughout the event. Some of these door prizes will be gift baskets and gift certificates, Switzer said.

The Bridal Show is a mandatory event for all of the women of Sigma Society and several of them will model bridesmaids' dresses as well as wedding gowns, she said.

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February Freeze



EVIDENTLY NOT A fan of winter swimming, Agriculture Instructor Rodney Barr makes his way out of the biting water during Feb. 28's Colden Pond Plunge. Divers (in red) were on hand to ensure the fund-raiser participants' safety. (below) SENIOR WESLEY MILLER cannonballs into Colden Pond. Miller was one of the four winners who raised the most money.

Chilly event raises \$1,700

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

Agriculture Instructor Rodney Barr was the first to jump into the 34-degree Colden Pond.

Barr's reason for taking the freezing leap was for St. Jude's Hospital, a children's research hospital that hits close to home for Barr and his family.

It was March 15, 2006 when Barr's youngest son, Spencer, was diagnosed with leukemia and was treated at St. Jude's Hospital. Spencer had two rare forms of leukemia — acute lymphocytic leukemia and acute myelogenous leukemia.

Spencer has been in remission after receiving treatment.

The thing most people don't know about this hospital is that there is no billing department; they are more concerned about the kids, Barr said.

"It's a place that is near and dear to our hearts," Barr said. "This isn't very much in comparison, but every little bit helps."

On Feb. 28, Barr along with students Logan Galloway, Wesley Miller and Steven Wilson plunged into Colden Pond as part of a fund-raiser for St. Jude's Foundation. The Foundation provides free services for children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

Up'til Dawn sponsored the event. The group is a student-led organization that raises money for St. Jude's Hospital.

The four participants were chosen from a list of 20 names. Cups for each contestant were placed on a table and votes were counted by the amount of money each person's cup had raised. Northwest faculty and students voted, Up'til Dawn Executive Director Jennifer Harrison said.

E-mails were sent to 50 various professors and students asking for volunteers, Harrison said.

The final four were the chosen because their cups had raised the most money, Harrison said.

Students lined the northwest side of Colden Pond cheering as each of the four participants were counted down before their jump into the icy water. Four divers, two ambulances and one fire truck were on site for the plungers.

Alpha Kappa Lambda President Wilson was painted royal purple with "president" in bold, golden letters on his back.

"It's for the kids," he said. "So I decided I'd do it."

Wilson's family has a history of cancer and that is one reason that he participated. His grandmother, grandfather and great grandfather all had cancer, he said.

The money that was raised by the end of the day Friday totaled \$1,700 and is going to the St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.



BEFORE TAKING HIS icy dip in Colden Pond, Barr sat with his family. Barr helped raised money for St. Jude's Hospital in part because his son, Spencer, was diagnosed with leukemia in 2006.



ALPHA KAPPA LAMBDA President Steven Wilson braces himself for the impact of 34-degree water during the Plunge. The fund-raiser for St. Jude's Foundation brought in \$1,700.

MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD

Maryville gives troops send-off

By Kenny Larabee
Chief Reporter

The Missouri National Guard left Maryville Monday morning, escorted by bus down a Main Street lined with grateful citizens waving flags and holding banners proclaiming their gratitude for the troops' sacrifice.

The first group of approximately 40 soldiers represents leaders for the task force that will be reporting for a peace-keeping mission in Kosovo.

Leaders have been training at Camp Crowder for the last several weeks and will now report to Camp Atterbury in Indiana for further training.

Suzanne Von Behren, Maryville Chamber of Commerce membership services coordinator, headed up the organization of the send-off and was pleased with the support the community gave.

"I attended a meeting ... about a month ago, and then from that, decided that the community needed to get involved, so we organized a procession. The City of Maryville Department of Public Safety graciously offered

the fire truck and police escort," Von Behren said. "But I am just completely humbled by this community once again, just very proud of the community. Everyone came out."

Congressman Sam Graves spoke to the soldiers at the armory early in the morning and later on, business owners came out of their shops and Legion members lined the courthouse steps as the convoy went by the town square.

Individuals all up and down Main Street waved thanks to the passing brigade.

The 1st and 129th Artillery, headquartered in Maryville, will comprise Task Force Thunder, which helps to make up KFOR10, which stands for Kosovo Force.

Troops will head to Kosovo, a province of Serbia, to help with a United Nations-led resolution to restore order and establish a government in Kosovo.

In the time since the 1st and 129th Artillery were assigned to deploy, Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia. The declaration will have no effect on the group's mission, Capt.



EARLY MONDAY MORNING the "We support our troops" flag was flown in front of the Nodaway County Courthouse to help see soldiers off on their way to Chillicothe.

Tammy Spicer said.

A ceremony was held at the Missouri National Guard Armory in Maryville for the soldiers, their families and friends and community members March 1.

Lt. Col. John Parker, who spoke at the ceremony, talked about the quality of the leaders of the group.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Festival features area jazz bands

The Music Department and the Upsilon Chi chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia will host the annual Northwest Jazz Festival Saturday on Campus.

The Northwest Jazz Ensemble will perform at noon in the Charles Johnson Theater. The Boulevard Big Band from Kansas City will perform at 5 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Both of the shows are free and open to the public.

The festival will also include performances from 18 high school and middle school jazz ensembles and combos. They will perform from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater and Performing Arts Center.

The event is sponsored by a Northwest Culture of Quality grant, Bosphorus Cymbals, the music department and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

For more information, contact Music Associate Professor William Richardson at 562-1316.

Tickets available for final Encore event of season

The Parsons Dance Company will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building. They cost \$25 for orchestra, \$23 for balcony and \$12 for children 12 and under. Tickets can be ordered by calling 562-1212 or purchasing them at nwmissourian.edu/tickets.

University receives bank's recognition

Northwest received U.S. Bank's Top Campus Bank Partnership award for a large number of students who use their Bearcat IDs as debit cards.

The award recognizes Northwest as having highest percentage of student participants out of 39 other colleges and universities that have formed a card or partnership with U.S. Bank.

The program began in 2003.

Reception planned for former coach

A reception for Jim Redd will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 19 at the Northwest Kansas City Center in Liberty.

Redd was recently inducted in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. He is a 1966 graduate of Northwest and a former student athlete, coach and athletics director.

Refreshments will be served.

Those interested in attending are asked to provide a courtesy RSVP to the Alumni Relations Office at 562-1248 or alumni@nwmissourian.edu

Harlem Gospel Choir sings this weekend

The Harlem Gospel Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, in the Performing Arts Center.

Admission is free for Northwest students and employees and is \$5 for the public.

The event is sponsored by the Student Activities Council.

For more information, call 562-1226.

Sigma Society Bridal Show

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THEATRE NORTHWEST



"LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS" actor Brett Borden, playing the character Seymour, shows off his new found friend during Tuesday, Feb. 26 dress rehearsal.

'Little Shop' closes curtain

By Destinee Biesemeyer
Missourian Reporter

After a weekend of performances, "Little Shop of Horrors" cast and crew bask in the applause and congratulations.

"I was pleased with the overall production and very pleased with attendance and audience reaction. It was rewarding to see so many people from the Northwest and extended community turn out to support the work of so many students," director Joe Kreizinger said.

While most had their opinion of which moment highlighted the show, actors had their favorite moments as well.

"The best part of the performance was getting eaten by the plant," actor Brett Borden, who played Seymour Krelborn, said.

Hanna Young attended "Little Shop" opening night and believes the show was a success.

"I thought the play was good, because it kept me entertained with all the costumes and set designs. Also, cast was really good, and the dynamics really worked," Young said.

There will be some changes made for next year's performances.

"Next year, we will open our new studio theater, and the majority of our

shows will take place there.

Since seating in the Performing Arts Center is around 1,000 and seating in the new space is around 200, we need more performances to allow more people to attend," Kreizinger said.

There are several contributors that led to the decision to add more performances.

"While we are doing this first for practical reasons (seat numbers), another very solid benefit of moving to two weekends is to give the company a more realistic experience of performing over a longer time," Kreizinger said.

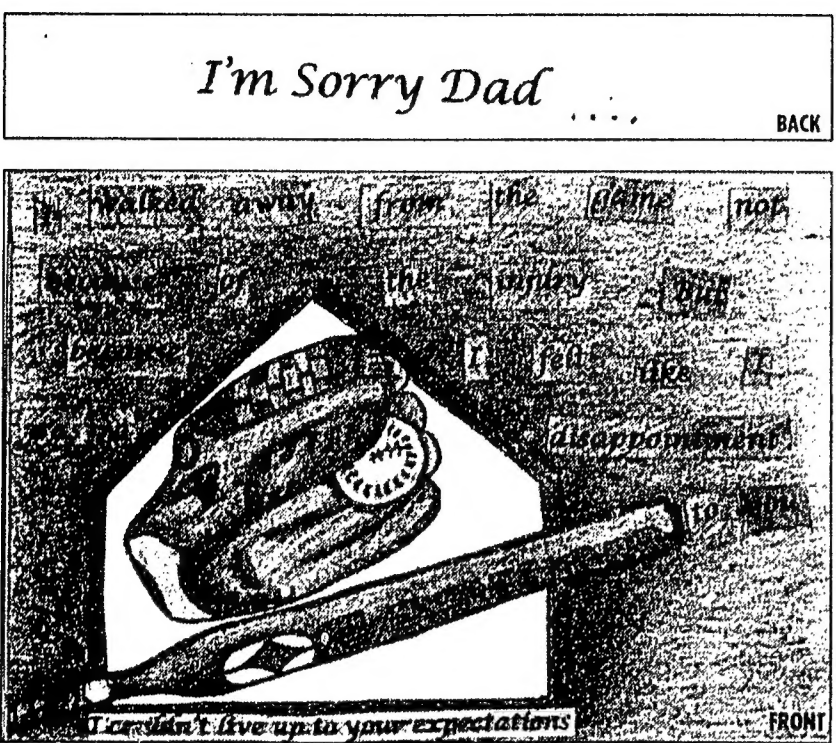
Another anticipated aspect of Northwest Main Stage productions is the professional critique from a correspondent representing the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

"Basically, she (the correspondent) really liked it and gave some interesting comments and some really great feedback," Borden said.

Another perk to this critique is the opportunity to travel and perform at the Kennedy Center. Steven Perkins and Borden received this honor.

"Two of us were nominated and next January we will go there and perform a scene for possible scholarship," Borden said.

POSTSECRET SUBMISSION



UNIVERSITY PROFILE

Senior's college years filled with extracurricular, volunteer work

By Mary Elifrits
Missourian Reporter

Logan Galloway joked with his friends that if he made it to the top four in the Golden Pond Plunge, he would wear a Speedo.

Participants of the Plunge, a fundraiser for St. Jude's Up 'til Dawn, agreed to jump into the 34-degree water. Those willing to donate added money to their favorite participant's pool of cash. The four contestants with the most money donated in their name won the privilege of jumping in to Golden Pond.

When Up 'til Dawn brainstormed for potential participants, Galloway decided to volunteer. They didn't put him on the list, however, because they didn't think anyone knew him.

"Eventually I got on the list," Galloway said. "They apparently decided I should be on it."

Galloway came in first place with \$134.

Galloway's friends not only held him to his promise, they made sure he and his Speedo did not miss the freezing water. In a close race, friends donated the entire last day of the competition, and Galloway ended up winning the competition by a few dollars.

Preparing to graduate from Northwest in May with a double major in marketing and business management, Galloway has toned down his involvement in extracurricular activities. Still, he is an active member of Phi Delta Theta, works in the Campus Activities office and served as secretary for the homecoming committee in the fall. In the past, Galloway has been public relations chair for the Student Activities Council, president of Common Ground and a resident assistant.

"I try to dabble here and there with different things that go on across campus," Galloway said.

Along with his involvement in extracurricular activities, Galloway has helped with various charities throughout his Bearcat years. He participated in a walk for Lou Gehrig's disease that Phi Delta Theta organizes each year. Galloway also participated in Alpha Sigma Alpha's "Mr. Northwest" competition for Special Olympics two years in a row.

Kelli Farris, Galloway's best friend and roommate, said his clean-freak tendencies, random



SENIOR LOGAN GALLOWAY fulfills his Golden Pond Plunge promise to sport a Speedo as he jumps into the frigid water. With plans to graduate in May, Galloway has been involved with a number of organizations throughout his Northwest career.

chisms to cook and love of music kept him occupied in the free time he has.

"He likes to watch 'Will & Grace,'" Farris said. "He is Will. Hands down."

Galloway was only a little hesitant about jumping in Golden Pond in his Speedo.

"He stuck to it, because he knew people were looking forward to it. He's a people pleaser," Farris said.

After graduation, Galloway plans on moving to Kansas City to hopefully work at State Street as a fund accountant and transfer to the public relations department. He also plans to continue his involvement with charities. Future prospects include helping with Habitat for Humanity, Kansas City AIDS Walk and donating to Toys for Tots.

"I will definitely be a dedicated employee when it comes to something like that," Galloway said.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

'Alternative' break returns

Students will spend a week helping children, families in Florida

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

It's the time of year students long for.

They spend a full week away from studies to spend time with friends and family for spring break.

The week long break gives way to many different activities. Some choose going to the beach, the mountains.

Others choose to give their time to children.

Northwest has participated in the Alternative Spring Break opportunities since 2004. Volunteer Programs and Service Learning Coordinator Amy Nally said.

Students have teamed with Habitat for Humanity in past years. This year the students will be spending time in Florida,

Nally said.

This year, 21 students and three sponsors will travel to Kissimmee, Fla. The students will spend a week working at Give the Kids the World Village, a wish-granting, not-for-profit organization, Nally said.

Students will work with the children, mentoring them and assisting the families. They will also participate in landscaping, painting and coordinating events, Nally said.

The students and sponsors will work with children between the ages of 3 and 18. On a 70 acre not-for-profit resort for children whose last wish is to visit central Florida's attractions like Disney World, Nally said.

Alternative Spring Breaks are designed to give students the option to give without receiving, Nally said. It also takes the students out of their comfort zone.

"It can change a student's life ... and their goals," Nally said.

One student will spend her second spring break helping others.

Senior Trudy Stensland is a Child and Family Studies major. She likes to work with children, which is another reason she is making this commitment, she said.

"I like knowing that I put a smile on their face," Stensland said.

Each year, students decide that they want to give back as well. Freshman Alycia Gilbert saw the flyers around campus and thought it sounded like fun getting to meet amazing children and helping them, she said.

"These kids... have gone through so much in their lives already," Gilbert said.

COMMUNITY

NODAWAY COMMUNITY THEATRE

Maryville youth star in play

By Nicole Richardson
Missourian Reporter

The youth of the Nodaway Community Theatre are working to present the play "The Boardinghouse" this weekend.

"The cast is very excited, there are still a few kinks, but everything is going well," said Barb Scott, an adult member of Nodaway Community Theatre.

The play is set in the Home Sweet Home Boardinghouse where Dirk and Veronica Shadow, a brother and sister team played by Devon VanZant and Ally Thron, uncover a myth that pirate treasure is buried in the basement.

A comedic and adventurous story unfolds as the tenants of Home Sweet Home search for the hidden treasure.

"There are just so many crazy situations and characters," Director Scott Lance said. "There is a writer who gets his inspiration from death, a taxidermist who keeps her dead husband in the closet and Dr. Snicket, who will prescribe two aspirin for any ailment."

The dress rehearsal is Friday, and the members of the Nodaway Community Theatre are anxious to perform their first play at the Rose Theatre, their new home.

"We have waited so long to finally have a place of our own, and the Rose Theatre is the perfect place for us," said Nina Dewhirst, an adult member of Nodaway Community Theatre.

The organization is currently in the process of giving the theatre at 118 W. Third St. It formerly was a florist shop and most recently an art gallery.

The members named it The Rose after its previous owner and also after The Rose Theatre from Shakespeare's day.

The play begins at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

AREA POLITICS

Nodaway democrats choose delegates

By Katie Luers
Missourian Reporter

Delegates chosen at the Nodaway County Democrat Convention Feb. 28 are headed to the Sixth Congressional District Convention in Chillicothe and Missouri State Convention in Columbia.

Each presidential candidate earned two delegates from Nodaway County in the Missouri primary elections.

Voters chose four delegates to represent Nodaway County. Voters also chose four alternate delegates.

Joe Bauml of Maryville and Rana Killingsworth of Skidmore were voted to represent Sen. Barack Obama.

Linda Walker of Burlington Junction and Robert Colville of Maryville were elected as the delegates for Sen. Hillary Clinton.

A supporter of Clinton, Rebecca Egbert said she would like to see a

female win.

Fifteen people registered at the meeting.

About half of the people registered supported Sen. Clinton, while the other half came to support Sen. Obama.

One female wore an almost full ensemble including a T-shirt in support of Clinton.

To begin the meeting, Democrat Central Committee President Mike Killingsworth explained the caucus process.

The registered members split into two groups and elected permanent caucus leaders.

Voters chose Rana Killingsworth to lead the caucus for Clinton. Mike Killingsworth was chosen to lead the caucus for Obama.

Caucus participants signed statements that they are registered voters and voted Democrat in the last primary.

Participants wanting to become

a delegate explained to the caucus their reason for wanting the position. Each prospective delegate had three minutes to speak.

Colville has met Clinton before now.

"I think most critics won't be opposed to her in the end," Colville said.

Ritterbusch supports Obama. Ritterbusch said he has seen character development in Sen. Obama.

"He is by far the stronger candidate for Missouri," Ritterbusch said.

The delegates elected at the Nodaway County Convention will attend both the Sixth Congressional District Convention and the Missouri State Convention.

The Sixth Congressional District Convention is March 27, and the Missouri State Convention is May 10.

Delegates will be chosen from these two conventions to represent



HILLARY CLINTON SUPPORTER Linda Walker waits as she is appointed female delegate for the Clinton campaign. The delegates will meet at the Missouri State Convention in Jefferson City later this month.

Missouri at the National Convention in Denver, Colo., Aug. 25 to 28.

PUBLIC WORKS

\$2 million saved for two new Maryville water towers

By Michael Clements
Chief Reporter

Maryville city officials plan to construct two new water towers.

The decision comes after a water leak forced the city to drain the tower located at Ninth and Mulberry streets, leaving the city with one usable tower.

Two 750,000-gallon towers would give the city optimum service, Public Works Director Greg Decker said.

"We would rather not spend the money it takes to repair that, we would rather spend that money towards a new tower," Decker said.

"We believe the system is just as efficient at producing and pumping water, the problem is it's not the most

cost effective way to do that."

The tower at Ninth and Mulberry streets is about 60 years old, and the city may remove the tower in the near future, City Manager Matt LeClerc said.

Water towers help build up pressure in water lines. The city maintains 35 pounds per inch, 15 pounds above the state requirement, Decker said.

The new water towers would also lower the pump operating time by four to six hours.

Currently, the city can only hold 12 to 14 hours worth of water in its towers, if the pumps needed to be shut down.

A single one million gallon tower currently serves the city, Decker said.

Two new towers could shut

down the city's water plant up to 36 hours for any necessary maintenance while water would come from the towers.

"What this will also do is improve the distribution of the water system, increase water pressure coupled with some other water work improvements that we need to do to the lines themselves," LeClerc said. "It will help minimize water outages."

Two million dollars are set aside for the construction of the towers in this year's budget under the water construction fund, Decker said.

"You want your users of the water when they pay their water bill to help to provide the water service," Decker said. "When you pay your water bill, you would help pay for that tower."

The new towers would give

Maryville's water system a security blanket if something in the water plant fails, LeClerc said.

"As the city grows and customers use water, we have to be able to supply water to them," LeClerc said. "This would improve our system as a whole with the distribution, the pressure and having ample supply in case something does happen to our water system."

The towers would be built on NW and SE ends of Maryville, LeClerc said.

"Ideally, if we can get something done within the next 12 to 18 months, I think we would be doing our job and getting the best bids," Decker said. "It's going to take us a while to get the best prices for these things, get everything put in place and the funding in place."

CITY BRIEFS

First Baptist Church plans St. Joseph trip

The Share and Care senior adult group will be taking a trip to St. Joseph on Tuesday to visit the Gore Psychiatric Museum.

Departure time is 10:45 a.m. and cost is \$3.50 for admission, plus lunch at Ryan's Steak House.

Those wishing to attend can sign up in the foyer of the First Baptist Church located at 121 E. Jenkins St. in Maryville.

Maryville church holding Lenten Lunch

The Ministerial Fellowship's Holy Week activity this year will be a Lenten Lunch on Monday, March 17, at the First Christian Church.

People are come and go as their schedules permit between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The First Christian Church will provide soup and beverages and other churches will be contacted about providing sandwiches.

Maryville, state will test tornado sirens

The city of Maryville Department of Public Safety will participate in the state wide tornado drill Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

The tornado warning sirens will sound and be tested at that time.

In the event of inclement weather this Tuesday, the tornado drill will take place on Wednesday March 13 at the same time.

For information on staying safe during severe weather and tornadoes, call Maryville Public Safety at 562-3209.

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Benefits of the health fee for all Northwest students

A message from the Northwest Wellness Center



By Judy Frueh WHNP, BC
Counseling Services/Wellness Center

How exactly is the health fee benefiting Northwest students?

The Wellness Center's services can be seen throughout all of Northwest. Focusing on the whole person, our goal is to help all students be the best they can be.

The health fee helps cover public health efforts on the Northwest campus. For example, when students are required to have a tuberculosis screening, meningococcal vaccine, MMR or hepatitis screening, this is the Wellness Center working to protect the campus community.

If there is a medical or mental health emergency on campus, the Wellness Center staff is available as a 24 hour emergency resource.

The Wellness Center works in promoting a safer community both on and off campus by partnering with the local health department, St. Francis Hospital and Maryville Public Safety.

The Wellness Center promotes wellness to the campus community by participating on a number of committees such as: Healthy Campus 2010, Substance Abuse Task Force, Freshman Year Experience and Freshman Seminar Advisory. The Wellness Center staff also offers training to different student organizations as well as sponsoring Peer Education.

These are just a few of the services provided to Northwest students through their health fee.

So next time you see the Wellness Center staff on campus providing health promotion, remember, we are working for you to keep you healthy in all aspects of your life.

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OUR VIEW

Spring break offers more than a tan, try volunteer work

For those of you keeping track, there are almost two weeks until spring break.

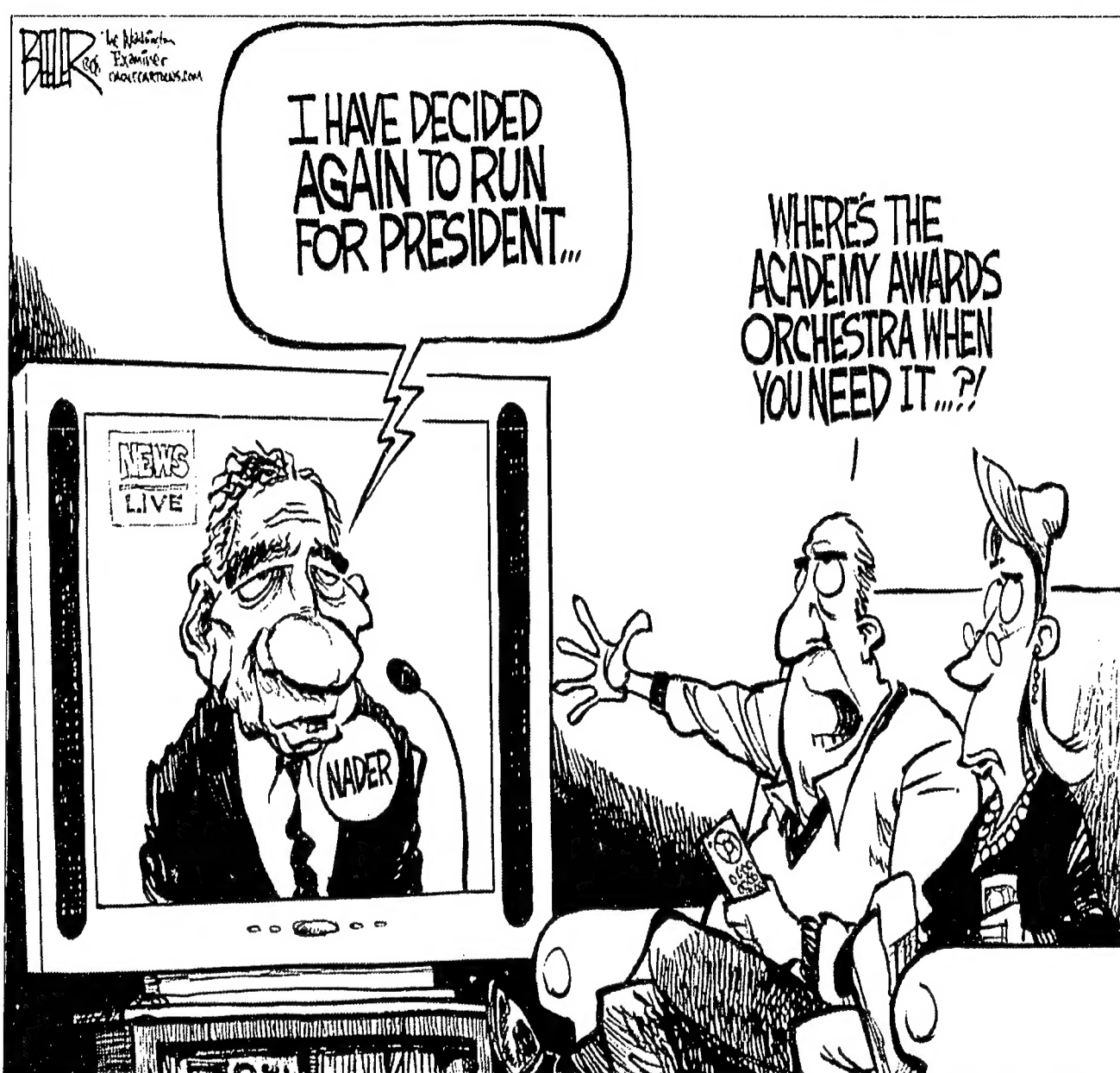
Some of you will be spending your break relaxing and partying someplace warm, others will spend their time earning some extra cash and some productive students will actually get a head start on all of those end-of-trimester projects.

For the past four years, Northwest has participated in an Alternative Spring Break. In the past, students have teamed up with Habitat for Humanity. This year, 21 students will head to Kissimmee, Fla., working at Give the Kids the World Village.

This not-for-profit organization grants wishes to children, and participating students will mentor children and assisting families. They will also coordinate events as well as participate in landscaping and painting projects.

Although the deadline to sign up for this alternative spring break project has passed, the Northwest Missourian encourages students who aren't too busy working or studying over spring break to volunteer in their communities.

Look into volunteer opportunities at your hometown humane society or nursing home. Keep in mind that volunteer hours and projects always look good on a resume and most organizations are more than happy to have some volunteer help.



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Duane Zony posted 2/29

"The Obama camp was in an uproar when the pictures came out." Uh, no. The Obama camp had no issues that the picture "came out."

The issue was with the dishonest right wing pundits who want people to think Obama is a Muslim and tried to use the picture to that effect. A recent survey showed that 8 percent of Americans believe Obama is a Muslim. This is obviously the ignorant, and often stupid part of American society that these right wing pundits want to deceive, and the Obama camp was offended that the pictures were being used for this purpose.

"Times accused Sen. McCain of getting too close with a female lobbyist almost a decade ago." Again, you're wrong. Maybe you should have actually read the article. The Times made no accusations whatsoever. It quoted people connected with his 2000 Presidential campaign saying they were concerned with the possibility. You guys, on the other hand, actually do declare that the affair never happened because both people deny it! That's all the proof you need? Are you both such Gomers you actually think a guy running for president is going to be involved in an affair with a LOBBYIST? You guys are funny. McCain's own campaign manager in the 2000 election did, in fact, verify that the issue was a big one. Moreover, McCain took many flights on the corporate jets of Paxon Communications, and the woman of concern, Vicki Iseman, was a lobbyist for Paxon at the time. McCain wrote two letters for Paxon to the FCC and urged them to make a quick decision on the sale of some television stations immediately. This, by the way, happened around the same time McCain was flying around on Paxon Communications private jets and after his firm donated 20 thousand to McCain's 2000 Presidential campaign.

And that's what the NYT article was actually all about: the appearance of a conflict of interest. McCain has presented himself to the public as leading the campaign against the influence of special interests.

You would have known that if you'd read the whole article, rather than just the coverage of the article. And it went far beyond Paxon Communications. There were other Iseman clients for whom McCain also did favors.

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MY VIEW

Knowing Kosovo history essential to understanding recent world problems

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a three-part series on Kosovo's history, present problems and future.)

I will be doing something a little differently by splitting this topic into three sections because I realize that few people are interested in international politics, especially in those areas not dealing with Iraq. But I would really like to stress the importance in understanding the dilemma in Kosovo.



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

The history, which is vital in understanding what is going on today and which will inevitably effect everyone, including me and the people reading this.

I believe that in this instance, to inform and to educate is my primary

concern, and the best way I can be beneficial is to go in depth about each area of concern.

Why should the reader care? Most normally would not. However, this is a topic that hits home for me, and especially for residents of Maryville and students of Northwest. Why is this? I'm sure most, if not everyone, knows a member in the armed forces.

The upcoming deployment of 129th Field Artillery to Kosovo supports this immensely.

This is not a new issue, even though some of us are hearing about it just recently. Some might be thinking that this is our president's fault. And actually, it isn't. This situation has been really going on since World War II and

escalated greatly during the Clinton Administration.

Right after World War II, the world was split into several different areas, not by ethnic or political boundaries, but rather by geographical boundaries. An example of this is with the Middle East and, most specifically, Iraq. We can all see the issues with this. Yugoslavia was no different. This region was divided into several different republics, each with governing authority except for two.

In 1995, The Dayton Accords, which allowed NATO to step in, was a hope for future independence. The attacks against police forces in Kosovo by the KLA (Kosovo Liberation Army) became much greater than before, leading to more aggressive Serbian Security Forces. This is when the ethnic cleansing really escalated. Many Albanians were either expelled from Kosovo, straining the surrounding governments' resources, or were killed, their homes and lives purposely targeted. Orders were given to carry

out airstrikes to halt the violence. No peace agreement ever came to fruition. NATO responded by leading an air strike in not only Serbia, but Kosovo as well.

In 1999, UN Security Council Resolution 1244 restated that Kosovo was still a part of Serbia, but emphasized the autonomy of this region, although the main concern of this resolution was the violence by both parties, and the displacement of many Kosovans.

The turn of the century marked a step forward, when in 2000 the first free elections were held in Kosovo in eight years.

In the following years, United States forces and NATO forces have been in Kosovo trying to keep peace, ensure the protection of each ethnic group, and secure the borders. And this leads us to Feb. 17, when Kosovo formally declared its independence, which I will discuss next week.

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MY VIEW

No 'Hannah Montana' here; '80s babies had it best, did it better

"Get up, an hour a day." That is the new slogan for a campaign launched by the Ad Council, the leading producer of public service announcements in the United States.



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger
Contributing Columnists

The new commercial features characters from Shrek running around and having a good time, but encouraging children to play outside for just one hour

a day. The Ad Council has very good intentions with this campaign—to get children active in order to decrease the risk of childhood obesity and the dis-

cases that come with it.

This advertisement is one of the many cultural changes over the last 10 years that illustrate just how differ-

ent today's young kids are from the kids we used to be. We are the "80s Babies," and we spent our formative years playing outside and scraping our knees, not sitting in the dark on Myspace.com with bloodshot eyes like too many kids today. Eighties Babies certainly did not need a public service announcement to tell us how to make use of a nice day. Some of the differences between kids today and '80s babies are...

Kids today get in trouble for text messaging during class. We got in trouble for playing with Tamagotchis and stealing each others' Pogs. Surely many of you recall an ill-fated day in elementary school when the teachers

made a full-scale, FBI style sweep of the classroom to confiscate those items, as they were simply too much of a distraction.

Kids today watch endless amounts of crappy programming on MTV. We watched "Saved by the Bell." That show taught us everything we needed to know about high school, from the rigid social structure to the dangers of caffeine pills. And forget about inappropriate sexual content; "SBTB" showed us that a real first date was splitting a milkshake at The Max and avoiding an awkward confrontation with Mr. Belding.

Kids today play "Halo 3" on Xbox Live. We played "Mario Brothers" on the "old school" Nintendo. Our video game characters moved in two directions: left and right. Period.

Kids today spend summers inside drinking Red Bull and surfing the Internet. We spent summers outside drinking from the hose and playing kickball in the street. "Car!"

We are lucky to be '80s babies, because we reached our teenage years unscathed by the Internet, cell phones or "Hannah Montana."

So crack open a Surge and kick back to an episode of "Family Matters," and be proud to be a part of our lovely little generation.

Oh, and register to vote while you're at it. Sorry, we had to do it.

CAMPUS TALK

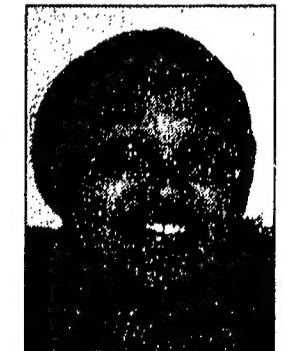
Why did you choose Northwest?



"The science program is strong, and so is the deaf studies,"
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Ryan Davis
Physical Education



"Play soccer, and I was originally an education major, and Northwest has a good school program for that,"
Rae Hildreth
Public Relations

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 17
■Fire, 300 block S. Charles

Feb. 21
■Sarah K. Hubner, 18, Maryville, under 19 in a bar, 300 block N. Market

■Kenneth R. Payne, Jr., 19, Maryville, driving without valid LD, 400 block W. Fourth St.

Feb. 22
■Larceny from a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 1200 block E. Grant

Feb. 29
■Lost/stolen property recovered, 200 block E. Third St.

Feb. 23
■Monica D. Peterson, 20, Maryville, MIP; Brandon L. Kroenke, 20, Maryville, MIP; Andrew C. Linafelter, 18, Maryville, MIP, resisting arrest, 1400 block N. College Drive

■Robert E. Wagener, 18, Independence, Mo., DWI, MIP, failure to obey traffic signal; Britany M. Wisong, 19, Maryville, MIP, 800 College Ave.

Feb. 24
■Recovered back pack and contents, 200 block E. Cooper

■Clint D. Jones, 45, Barnard, Mo., child restraint violation, 1300 block S. Main

■James D. Gobbert, 31, Maryville, assault, 300 block N. Market

Feb. 25
■Property damage, ongoing investigation, 500 block S. Prairie

Feb. 26
■Lost/stolen property, ongoing investigation, 1100 block W. 16th St.

■James L. Meek, Jr., 44, Bedford, Iowa, driving while suspended, 100 block N. Market

■Gerald L. Johnson, 21, St. Joseph, Mo., wanted on warrant, 400 block N. Market

Feb. 27
■Property damage, ongoing investigation, 200 block W. Second St.

■Larceny, ongoing investigation, 1200 block E. 16th St.

Feb. 28
■Larceny from a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 400 block E. Davidson Square

■Larceny from a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 1200 block Laura Circle

■Kenneth J. Heimsoth, 20, Maryville, MIP, providing false information to a Public Safety Officer

■Courtney A. Kuhnhehn, 17, Liberty, Mo., MIP, under 19 in a bar; Mackenzie R. Oyer, 17, Liberty, Mo., MIP, under 19

In a bar, 300 block N. Market

■Tawana Bule-Williams, 18, St. Louis, Mo., under 19 in a bar; Joshua H. Landry, 18, Kansas City, Mo., under 19 in a bar, 300 block N. Market

■Meredith L. Troutwine, 18, Maryville, under 19 in a bar, providing false information to a Public Safety Officer

■Larceny from a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 1200 block E. Grant

Feb. 29
■Brooke N. Mansfield, 18, Blue Springs, Mo., under 19 in a bar, 300 block N. Market

■Nathan S. Gibson, 25, Stanberry, Mo., second degree property damage, 300 block N. Market

■Timothy A. Sipes, 17, Maryville, larceny from a business, 400 block N. Market

■Johnny R. Mollett, 40, Parnell, Mo., wanted on warrant, 400 block N. Market

■Smoke alarm investigation, 1100 block S. Main

■Larceny, ongoing investigation, 1200 block S. Main

■Larceny, ongoing investigation, 500 block N. Buchanan

■Larceny from a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 200 block S. Clayton

■Larceny from a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 500 block E. Halsey

March 1
■Katie C. Smithart, 21, Maryville, DWI, failure to illuminate headlights, 100 block S. Vine

■Jacob W. Melton, 25, Shenandoah, Iowa, excessive acceleration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, 100 block N. Main

■Stacey M. Campbell, 22, Maryville, DWI, 200 block Park Ave.

March 2
■Virginia C. Scaglione, 21, Maryville, DWI, failure to maintain right half of the roadway, 400 block N. Buchanan

■Tod A. Coffelt, 44, Maryville, driving while suspended, improper registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, 1400 block E. Seventh St.

■Property damage, ongoing investigation, 1000 block N. Dewey

■Zackery L. Russell, 21, Joplin, Mo., driving while suspended, 200 block N. Laura

■Larceny, ongoing investigation, 500 block W. Ninth St.

Recovered property, bicycle, 400 block W. 16th St.

Feb. 29
■Marlin J. Kinman, 58, Ithaca, Mo., collided with Mary B. Gray, 60, Burlington Junction, Mo., at the intersection of East First and East Third streets

■Kenneth J. Lindsey, 67, Maryville, collided with Candice L. Sydnham, 45, Albany, Mo., at the intersection of North Market and East Second streets

■Katie C. Smithart, 21, Maryville, collided with Erin L. McElroy, 38, Maryville, at the intersection of West Second and North Buchanan streets

■Arin A. Milligan, 51, Maryville, collided with Charlotte A. Holman, 49, St. Joseph, Mo., at the intersection of West Fifth and North Buchanan streets

March 3
■Ally Sullivan, 17, Maryville, collided with Douglas W. Parker, 50, Worth, Mo., at the intersection of East First and North Depot streets

Feb. 22
■Carol T. Jorgenson, 81, Maryville, collided with the vehicle owned by David Lehman, Kearney, Mo., at the intersection of East Seventh and North Dewey streets

Feb. 23
■Timothy J. Bugh, 21, cited with careless and imprudent driving, collided with Cheryl A. Christian, 63, Maitland, Mo., at the U.S. Highway 71 South and West South Avenue

Feb. 24
■Melissa N. Eckstein, 28, cited with failure to yield right-of-way, collided with Susan N. Smith, 43, Maryville, at the intersection of College Avenue and North Grand Avenue

Feb. 25
■Danielle M. Waldruff, 20, Hopkins, Mo., collided with the vehicle owned by Gregory A. Applegate, Harlan, Iowa, at the intersection of North Buchanan and West 16th streets

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■Andrew J. Lance, 20, cited with careless and imprudent driving, collided with Jami S. Montesano, 20, Maryville, and Jonathan A. Rulon, 25, Maryville, at the intersection of North College Drive and West 16th streets

■Survivors include daughter Linda Schreffler and husband, Jim of Morris-town, Minn., son Charles Shields and

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CHAZ BAKER, A member of Delta Sigma Phi, goes with the scrambling method of shuffling during a game of Texas Hold 'Em last year night in the Union Ballroom. The night was designated Casino Night as a part of the Greek Week celebration at Northwest.

GREEK: Events begin Sunday

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The weekend event is important because it gives a chance for all Greek organizations to do something as a whole.

"The event helps celebrate their (Greek organizations) their philanthropies, community service events and to be competitive and do sporting events together," Stephens said. "All the stuff they do throughout the year, they have a chance to do during one week."

Greek Week is also good press for the campus, Stephens said.

"The week reminds everybody that there is a significant Greek population, and that they do some good things," Stephens said. "For example, we are doing a recycled art competition, so everything that is created is going to be recycled. It is a fun way of giving back to the community."

This year, Greek Week is a month earlier than it was last year, Knierim said.

After Greek Week last year, committee members did a round table, and they decided for Greek Week to be earlier than last year, Knierim said. Last year, it was around finals week, and the Greek organizations were all a little overwhelmed. The Greek Week Planning Committee thought

that before spring break was a better time to have Greek Week.

Even though the week is earlier than it was last year, it does not mean it is the perfect time.

"It would be a lot better to keep it in April because of the weather," Stephens said. "People are just too busy by the time April comes around because of school and finishing stuff up. It seems like it's been a lot less stressful this year."

Monday, the Zeus and Hera competition is at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

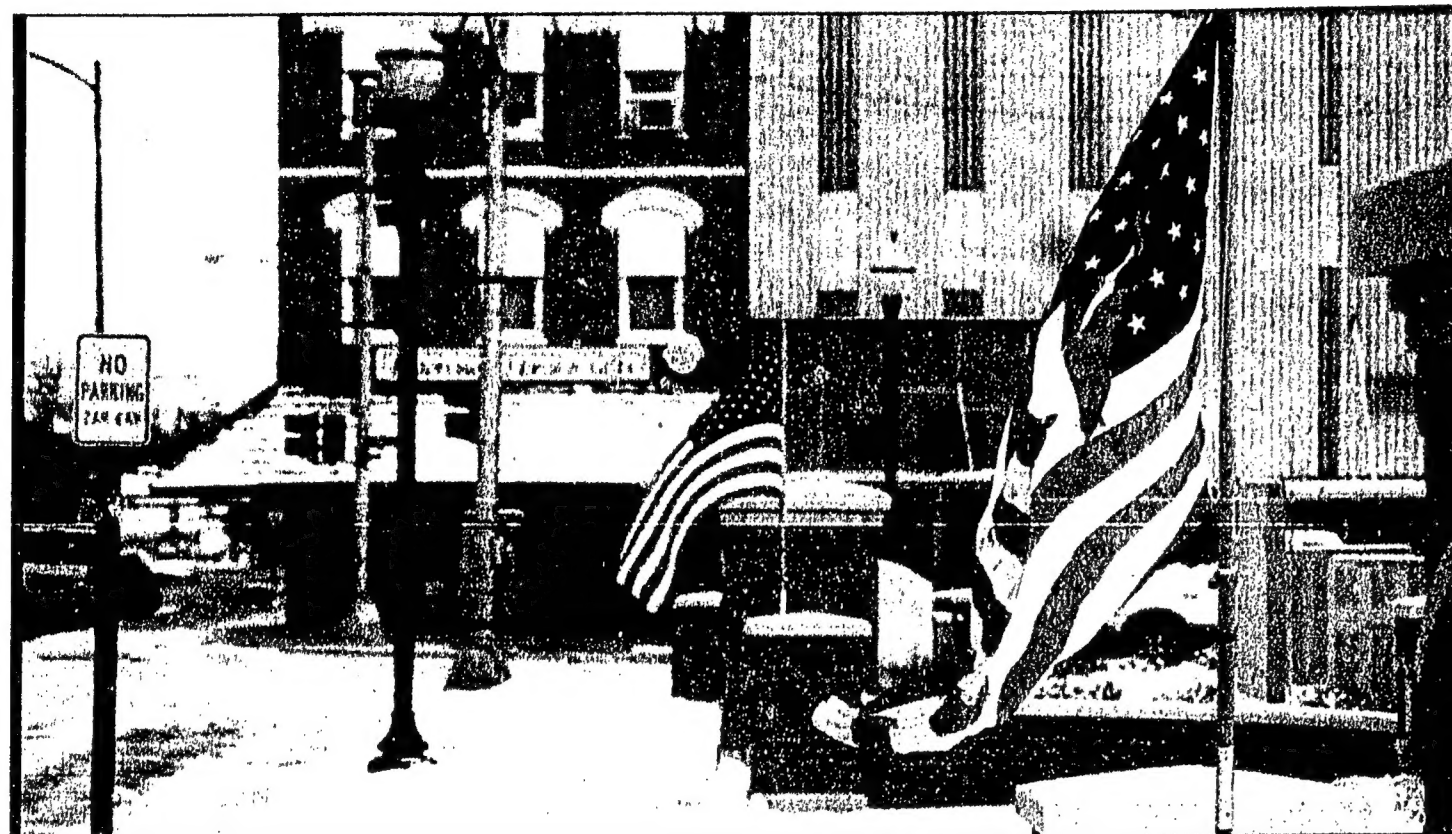
The competition is like electing something like a king and queen of Greek Week, Knierim said.

Greek Song takes place at 7 p.m., Tuesday in the Performing Arts Center, while a casino night takes place at 7 p.m., Wednesday in the Ballroom J.W. Jones Student Union.

For entrance into Casino Night, people can bring cans or purchase cans of food to cash in for chips," Knierim said.

Greeks Rock the Rec. Center is another major event during Greek Week at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 13.

The Zeus and Hera competition, Greek Sing and Casino Night are open to any that would like to come and watch, Stephens said.



AMERICAN FLAGS LINED Main Street Monday in honor of sending the troops off to Kosovo.

TROOPS: Soldiers depart with parade

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"I've been in command for about a year and a half, these have been my battery commanders and I'm very confident in their capabilities and what their strengths and weaknesses are," Parker said.

About a month ago, the Guard met with leaders of the community to discuss plans for any problems soldiers' families may confront while they are away, such as a faulty car or a leaky water pipe.

A concern for deployed soldiers are problems their families face while they are away, Parker said.

"I can't ask for more. Being a Northwest graduate myself, it's kind of nice. I feel like, Maryville, I'm kind of a part of them too,"

Parker said. "But even all of our communities have been very supportive to the troops. The National Guard is a unique organization because we actually are the community."

"The community support is huge and they have supported us greatly. And I can't tell them how much they've helped us. They have."

During the ceremony, grandparents watched over grandchildren waving little American flags, and mothers and fathers flashed cameras as their sons and daughters marched into the gym.

Afterward, soldiers lined up around the Maryville Community Center gym as family members and friends walked by and thanked them for their service.

Spc. Tim Miller, who will deploy with his stepfather, Command Sgt. Maj. John Sports-

man, said that the soldiers will have each other for support while they're away.

"Just about everybody we're going with, we're all very close friends in and outside of here," Miller said. "It's great to go with a bunch of guys that you know."

Becky Thomas, whose brother, Staff Sgt. Ben Fletcher, was one of the soldiers being deployed, said that the families would bond together for one another if any one needs help while the soldiers are gone.

"I think in a situation like this, any of the Guard members' family would be there for the person that's gone. We could call on any others soldier's family to help us if we needed it," Thomas said. "A lot of people in this room, they're all somehow in my family."

"I hope they all come home safe and I'm proud of all of the guys that are going."

SIGMA: Event helps crisis center

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Ludwig enjoys the show every year, but her favorite part is getting to be a model.

"I like getting up and actually modeling. Hearing people comment about how they like a dress makes me feel good that we are helping people," she said.

The Bridal Show is not just for engaged couples. Sigma Society encourages everyone to come.

"It is a great opportunity for engaged couples to come and find out what's available, but it is not just for people that are engaged. The more people you can bring with you, the greater your chances are at winning some great door prizes," Jewell said.

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SPORTS

LET THE MADNESS BEGIN

Men enter tournament with momentum

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Being the No. 2 seed for this weekend's MIAA tournament at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium may not be so bad for Northwest.

Northwest (20-7) enters Friday's opening round against Pittsburg State 10-3 all-time as the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament. In two of Northwest's three

tournament championships under Tappmeyer, the Bearcats were a No. 2 seed.

"I think we're numb to pressure right now," coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "We started with so much of that that it doesn't really matter."

The pressure of repeating as MIAA regular season champions ended last week, and the Bearcats closed out the regular season with a 73-51 win against Fort Hays State last Saturday. Northwest has won seven out

of its last eight and are No. 4 in the latest South Central region poll.

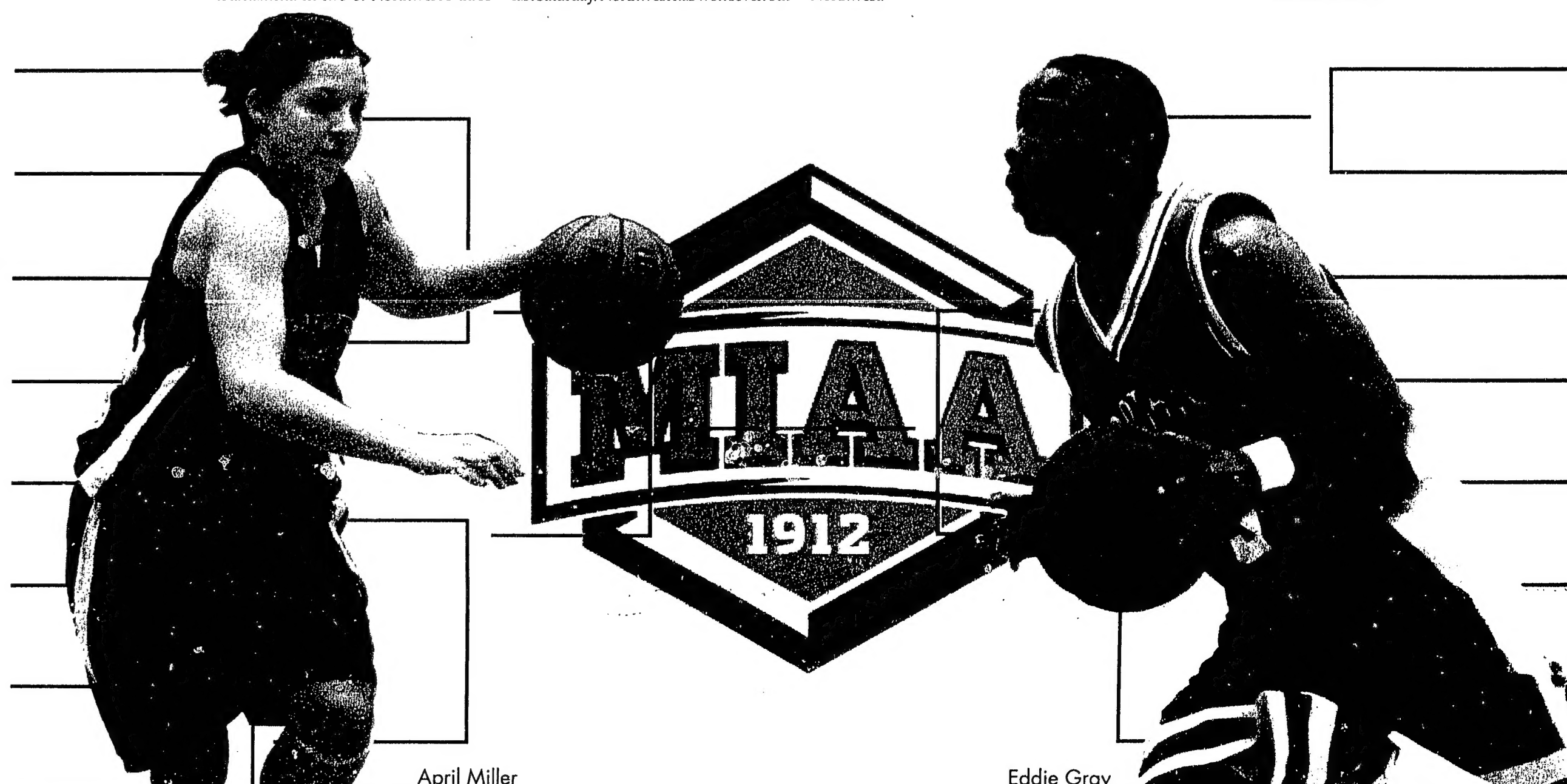
"If we continue to execute and play like this going into the tournament, I feel like we've got a roll going," guard Lance Sullivan said.

Out of the three teams in Northwest's bracket, two teams - Central Missouri and Pittsburg State - are teams Northwest swept during the regular season. Washburn swept Northwest.

Northwest faces a Pittsburg State team that has underachieved this season. The Gorillas went 18-9 and 9-9 in the MIAA and are the No. 7 seed. The 'Cats won both meetings by an average of 18 points. Pittsburg State eliminated Northwest in last year's semifinal before Northwest returned the favor in last year's regional opener.

In both games, the Bearcats were able to

See MEN on B2



April Miller

Eddie Gray

Women hope to avenge late season collapse

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

Northwest women's coach Gene Steinmeyer handed his team an itinerary for the MIAA tournament that didn't mention anything other than Thursday's matchup with Missouri Southern.

The itinerary didn't map out a return trip to the conference semifinals or a possible MIAA tournament finals appearance. Instead, it focused pri-

marily on beating Missouri Southern, something Steinmeyer said the team must do to forget about last week's performance.

"It's a new week," Steinmeyer said. "I hope the two days off did something good for the team. I told them during their break to forget about basketball and come ready to have some fun this weekend."

The season's final two games didn't go as planned for Northwest. The 'Cats were in the discussion to possibly

receive a regional tournament bid with a stellar finish, but a loss to Missouri Western last Wednesday, followed by a 10-point loss to Fort Hays last Saturday, solidified a must-win weekend at Kansas City.

"This is all or nothing now," second team all-conference center Mandi Schumacher said. "We're starting to realize that Thursday could be the last game we ever play. That's not a good feeling."

Northwest opens the conference tournament with Missouri Southern

at 2 p.m., today. The teams split the season series, earning wins at each team's home court. The 'Cats own the most recent victory, a 73-62 win Feb. 23. That was Northwest's last win of the season.

Schumacher said Missouri Southern's physical play bodes well with Northwest's style.

"They are a physical team, and that helps us match up well with them,"

See WOMEN on B2

NORTHWEST MEN'S NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

E.J. Falkner
Falkner qualified during the semifinals of the MIAA Championships in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.79. He earned indoor All-American honors on four other occasions.

John Miles
Miles posted a 6.84 time in the 60-meter dash during the semifinals of the MIAA Championships to qualify. Miles has the 18th best time in the nation so far.

Kendall Wright
Wright posted a 20.03 time in the 100-meter dash to win his event during the MIAA Championships. Wright placed in the long jump with a mark of 23-11/4, giving him his third indoor title.

NW TRACK

Wright, Lewis not enough in MIAA meet

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The stellar performances of a few were not enough.

The Northwest men's and women's indoor track teams couldn't ride the success of a few athletes to overall success during last weekend's MIAA Championship meet. Both squads finished sixth out of eight teams.

"They (conference meets) are different," women's coach Scott Lorek said. "Despite what anyone says, they are different from other meets. You try to have them not be, but there's no getting around that. You can just tell right when you walk in the whole intensity level is different from other meets."

Despite increased intensity, Lorek's younger runners were the weekend's high point for the women. Freshman Rachel Lewis took second in the 60-meter dash and fifth in the 200-meter dash, earning her a total of 10 of the Bearcats' 40 points. Lewis was subsequently named MIAA Freshman

of the Year.

Freshman Bridget Kleine pitched in points as well, adding

"I think that we all performed to our best abilities. We could have been more focused, I guess, but we still had fun. Even if someone didn't qualify in an event, they were still there to support the team."

ning events or nearly," Lorek said. "Field events is where we had some problems. A big part of that is just

some of the people who weren't there or injured."

On the men's side, Northwest once again leaned on the sprinters for points. Senior E.J. Falkner and Sophomore John Miles finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 60-meter dash.

Falkner took fourth in the 200-meter dash while junior Sheldon Cook finished fifth. The three runners totaled 16 of Northwest's 46.5 points.

The highlight for the men, however, was Kendall Wright who won the long jump for the third year in a row with a mark of 23-8 1/4.

"I think we did better than expected in the sprints and jumps," Wright said. "I wasn't picked to

win. Sheldon didn't even have a mark, I don't think, and we finished first and second."

Going in, coach Richard Alsop knew sprints and horizontal jumps would be his strength. He also knew Northwest would have trouble scoring in the long distance runs, which they did.

Other than T.R. Pursell's fifth place finish in the one-mile run, the 'Cats didn't earn any points in runs longer than 200 meters.

The 'Cats also had to contend with the absence of senior pole-vaulter Brad Cox, who injured himself during the Prairie Wolf Invitational.

For Wright, Miles and Falkner the indoor season continues as all three qualified for nationals this year.

After that, both teams will turn their attention to the outdoor season.

"We'll try to get coach Al out of here with a conference win," Wright said of the outdoor season. "(We'll) try to give him a happy last year."

MIAA MEN'S CAPSULES

No. 1 Southwest Baptist vs. No. 8 Emporia State
Emporia's offense runs through DeAndre Townsend, and only Townsend. He is the top scorer in the MIAA and also leads the conference in assists. If Emporia can take care of the basketball, it can stay in this game longer than anybody imagined. In the end, Southwest Baptist's inside and outside game will be too much for the one-dimensional Hornets.
Prediction: Baptist wins 74-62

No. 4 Missouri Southern vs. No. 5 Fort Hays State
The Lions lost four-straight before pulling off an 87-80 win over a Missouri Western team with nothing to play for. Missouri Southern is one of the top offenses in the conference, which will be just enough to escape a resurgent Tigers' squad.
Prediction: Missouri Southern wins 70-63

No. 3 Central Missouri vs. No. 6 Washburn
Washburn is a sleeper pick in this conference. Missouri has shown it can go toe-to-toe with the Mules inside and outside. If Washburn can avoid a slow start, it will be able to upset the Mules.
Prediction: Washburn wins 63-61

No. 2 Northwest vs. No. 7 Pittsburg State
In both games, Matt Withers played exceptional defense on conference MVP Cory Abercrombie. Abercrombie is due for an MVP-like performance, but the rest of the starting lineup needs to contribute. If Northwest continues its hot shooting, it won't matter what Abercrombie does Friday.
Prediction: Northwest wins 71-58

MIAA WOMEN'S CAPSULES

No. 1 Washburn vs. No. 8 Missouri Western
This game shouldn't be much of a problem for Washburn. However, the Lady Blues did see their eight-game winning streak snapped in the season finale against Central Missouri. Missouri Western had to have a good final week to get here, but it ends here as Corley Stiger leads the Lady Blues to a first round win.
Prediction: Washburn wins 73-61

No. 4 Missouri Southern vs. No. 5 Northwest
I've seen these teams twice, and Northwest is the better team. Missouri Southern depends on a strong inside game. That plays into Northwest's hand as Mandi Schumacher is one of the MIAA's best post players. This game should be close, especially if Northwest can't get out of its recent funk.
Prediction: Northwest wins 78-73

No. 3 Southwest Baptist vs. No. 6 Central Missouri
What a terrible draw for Southwest Baptist. The Bearcats must rebound from a 120-83 season finale loss. That's not the worst part of this draw, though. They have to square off against arguably the hottest MIAA team in the season's second half.
Prediction: Central Missouri wins 85-83

No. 2 Emporia State vs. No. 7 Truman State
Emporia State is the most talented team I've seen this year. While Central Missouri has been the hottest team in the second part of the conference season, Truman State has been arguably the most disappointing team. Injuries haunted Truman all year, and Emporia ends their season.
Prediction: Emporia State wins 91-69

WOMEN: Repeat match

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Schumacher said, "Last time, we got them in foul trouble and were able to capitalize."
Missouri Southern posts, Fatai Api'Api Hala and Tynasha Pierce, each got into foul trouble during the last meeting, giving way to Schumacher's 18-point and 12 rebound performance.

These teams squared off in a No. 4 versus No. 5 seed battle during last year's MIAA tournament. Pierce totaled a game-high 20 points, but the 'Cats blanketed scoring contributed to a 77-54 win.

Meghan Brue, Kelli Nelson and Lindsay Bayer each notched double-digit points, while former player Katie O'Grady was the other 'Cat in double figures.
"We matchup with them really

well, and we know a lot about their team," MIAA honorable mention guard Kelli Nelson said. "We're confident against them, and we know what to do."
"We just need to stay focused. There's a lot of distractions, but we need to buckle down and focus if we want to make it."

For a chance at the regional tournament, Northwest must win all three MIAA tournament games.
If the 'Cats get past Missouri Southern, they will face the winner of No. 1 Washburn and No. 8 Missouri Western.

That game will be played at noon, Saturday. If Northwest wins in the semifinals, the team plays at 1 p.m. Sunday, for a chance at the MIAA tournament championship.

MEN: Won tourney in 2004

Continued from B1

to shut down Cory Abercrombie, who was named the MIAA Player of the Year Monday. Abercrombie averaged 18.3 points and 10.4 rebounds.

In the series against Northwest, Abercrombie averaged 10 points.

In the first game, the Northwest defense kept Abercrombie out of the low post in a 62-46 win. At Bearcat Arena, Abercrombie quickly got into foul trouble, which allowed Northwest to cruise to a 67-46 victory.

Tappmeyer said stopping Abercrombie and Pittsburg State for a third-straight time will not be an easy task.

"There's no magic formula to stop an Abercrombie," Tappmeyer said. "You've got to be ready to play every possession and make him work to get what he's going to get. He's deserving of the league MVP. He's a load. That makes the third go-around a lot tougher."

Howard's role in tournament unclear

Tappmeyer said guard Mose Howard is available for the conference tournament, but when, is unclear.

Howard practiced with the team this week after undergoing surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his knee in early February. "It'll depend on practices this week," Tappmeyer said. "Physically, I think he's ready to go. He just needs to be a piece of the puzzle and not try to come back and hit home runs."

Howard averaged 8.5 points this season. Tappmeyer added that Andraus Thornton could see time in the MIAA tournament. Thornton had been out with a knee injury. He played 10 minutes in last Saturday's win.

"They're both guys who can play at a pretty good level," Tappmeyer said. "When you've won seven out of eight, there's also the dilemma of not disrupting the chemistry. We should be in the regional, but you want to be playing well when you get in."

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MEN'S STATISTICS

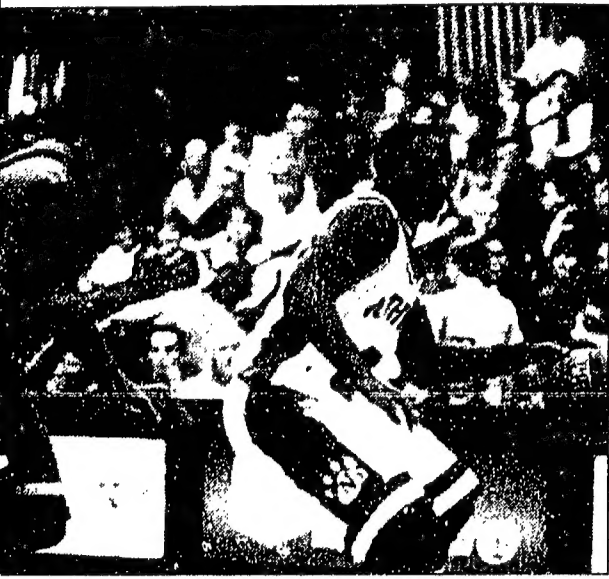
Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
72.4	59.8	
45.4	42.2	
34.7	30.7	
14.0	13.0	
36.4	32.6	
13.5	10.5	
10.0	7.2	
71.2	68.9	
1.9	3.2	

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Scoring per game	Steals per game
1. D. Townsend-ESU 19.5	1. S. Bowlin-MSSU 2.44
2. C. Abercrombie-PSU 18.3	2. D. Byrd-UCM 1.96
3. R. Bunch-MWSU 18.1	3. L. Johnson-MWSU 1.85
12. H. Henry-NW 13.4	5. L. Sullivan-NW 1.74
17. L. Sullivan-NW 11.4	8. A. Peterson-NW 1.59
18. A. Peterson-NW 10.7	9. H. Hunter-NW 1.52

Rebounds per game	Assists per game
1. C. Abercrombie-PSU 10.4	1. D. Townsend-ESU 6.04
2. K. Snyder-WU 8.3	2. T. Jeffries-PHSU 4.15
2. R. Bunch-MWSU 8.3	3. B. Burgett 3.81
7. H. Henry-NW 7.1	

FG percentage	3-pt percentage
1. C. Abercrombie-PSU .593	1. A. Meile-WU .466
2. M. Rogers-SBU .570	2. C. Tegtmeyer-BSU .464
3. V. Ateba-MSSU .566	3. D. Harris-SBU .453
5. H. Hunter-NW .524	4. A. Peterson-NW .447



NORTHWEST GUARD MOSE HOWARD may return to the lineup for the MIAA tournament. Howard averaged 8.5 points per game, before undergoing knee surgery.

WOMEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest	Points/game	Opponent
74.2	71.2	
40.0	44.0	
38.4	39.0	
15.7	16.0	
30.2	32.7	
11.7	20.5	
15.2	7.9	
71.3	74.8	
3.0	3.0	

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Scoring per game	Steals per game
1. G. Mueller-TSU 22.4	1. C. Woods-MWSU 2.62
2. M. Stueve-ESU 22.0	2. K. Fleming-UCM 2.38
3. Y. Javis 18.6	3. L. Williams-NW 2.33
8. M. Schumacher-NW 15.7	9. K. Nelson-NW 1.89

Rebounds per game	Assists per game
1. J. Jones-UCM 10.0	1. E. Souza-SBU 4.81
2. G. Mueller-TSU 9.8	2. C. Woods-ESU 4.65
3. M. Stueve-ESU 8.4	3. L. Corker 3.93
6. M. Schumacher-NW 7.5	

FG percentage	3-pt percentage
1. G. Mueller-TSU .572	1. M. Stueve-ESU .478
2. M. Schumacher-NW .562	2. A. Leiker-ESU .476
3. M. Stueve-ESU .501	3. C. Boston-ESU .449
	8. K. Nelson-NW .358

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NW SOFTBALL



NORTHWEST SOFTBALL PITCHER COLA KRUEGER works on different pitches on during practice last spring at the softball field. The team plays in the Missouri Southern tournament this weekend. The next home game will be on March 19 at 1 p.m., when Northwest faces Missouri Western.

Softball sweeps tournament, long layoff likely for team

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest softball team will try to maintain the momentum of its current six-game winning streak during a likely two-week layoff period.

The Bearcats won all four games last weekend at the Pittsburg State Softball Classic, improving their record to 8-3. But due to this week's weather, they might not play again until March 19.

The recent winter weather could derail this weekend's Missouri Southern Tournament, Northwest coach Ryan Anderson said. A makeup day likely will not be scheduled since most teams' weekends are full for the rest of the season. Anderson said he will gladly accept an invitation to play on a different date if the team doesn't have a game.

"Hopefully with this year we can keep playing and not keep having 10 days or two weeks off, so we can keep our rhythm," Anderson said.

Getting the chance to play outside has helped the 'Cats improve each week since the season opener on Feb. 16. They don't get the chance to practice outside because of the cold weather and snow. Instead, they practice on Lamkin's basement concrete floor.

"On dirt, pitchers have to deal with the

drags and holes left by other pitchers rather than inside where it's smooth, but they are adjusting to that well," Anderson said.

The drags and holes didn't seem to affect junior pitcher Cola Krueger last weekend. She collected three wins and has a 5-1 record this year with a 3.35 ERA. Kelly Morris picked up the win against Missouri Southern and also recorded her first save of the season against Henderson State (Ark.).

The pitching wasn't the only aspect of the 'Cats' performance that stood out this week. They outscored their opponents 43-13, highlighted by a 14-1 win against Drury and a 12-2 win against a conference opponent, Southern.

Part of that could be attributed to junior outfielder Casey Carper's hot streak. After 11 games, Carper is hitting .585 with 12 RBIs. She hasn't been the only one hitting well though. Five Bearcats are currently hitting .385 or better.

"It's not one or two people carrying us, it's everyone," Anderson said. "Somebody might be down a game or two, but it's been nice to have others step up and hit as well."

If they do not play this weekend, the 'Cats' next game will take place 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in Maryville against Missouri Western.

NW BASEBALL

Bearcats take 7 straight on trip

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

A season ago, the Northwest baseball team could not wait to return to Maryville after enduring a winless southern trip.

This year, the Bearcats are likely longing for more games in the warm climates of Florida and Arkansas, as they are coming off a perfect 7-0 road trip.

After dropping its first two games to Arkansas Tech, Northwest's 6-5 victory over Christian Brothers (Tenn.) marked its seventh straight win.

For a team that has not been able to practice outside once, this 7-2 start must be nothing short of stunning.

"I've been very impressed and probably a little surprised," coach Darin Lee said. "We have played nine ball games and have been on the field six times with zero practices. To come out with a 7-2 record is a tribute to our guys."

Against Christian Brothers last Friday, Northwest scored each of its six runs in the first three innings. But, that was not enough to put away the Bucs, who scored three runs in the next two innings to remove Bearcat starter Jeff Gradel from the mound. Bret Harvel came in and worked two innings, allowing two runs.

Up 6-5 in the sixth, the 'Cats were in danger of returning home on a sour note, but the bullpen bailed the team out. Freshman Ben Briant, junior Danny Malone and senior closer Evan Nickell worked perfect seventh, eighth and ninth innings, respectively, to close out the victory.

"That was a game where everything came together to form a bad situation," Lee said. "It was the last game of the road trip and we'd already won six in a row and rain was in the forecast again. We let our guard down a little bit (late), but fortunately, we were able to get that quality bullpen relief all the way through and we never gave up the lead."

Sophomore catcher Kreed Kurtz said the team's mindset helped keep the some of the trip's games from slipping away.

"I think our biggest thing is we've been expecting to win," Kurtz said. "Even when things got a little slow during games, nobody got down at all."

In their previous two series on the trip, Northwest's bats, particularly the bat of senior first baseman Britt Westman, stole the show.

Westman smacked four home runs in four games (three against West Florida, one against Arkansas-Monticello) and now has five on the year. The 'Cats were in danger of dropping a game to an 0-11 Monticello squad before Westman's three-run blast in the eighth secured the victory. Westman and designated hitter Bill Disselhoff each added additional home runs to overpower the Boll Weavils.

West Florida also tested Northwest, but yet another three-run home run by Westman, along with second baseman Nick Pfeiffer's two singles and RBIs, carried the team past the Argonauts. Harvel recorded four strikeouts in a six-out save to preserve the win.

Kurtz did not envision a 7-2 start after last season's 3-9 beginning.

"I really wasn't expecting to come out and play this well, but we worked hard over the fall and winter and it's really paid off," he said.

After another snow canceled Tuesday's home opener against Nebraska-Omaha, the 'Cats will likely have to wait even longer to take their home field.

The team is negotiating with William Jewell and Rockhurst colleges to host this weekend's series with Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.) as possible relocations since ice and snow still blanket Bearcat Field.

Concordia is ranked No. 3, and Lee believes this series brings the season's toughest test to date.

"I certainly think they're going to be the best team we've played thus far," he said. "They're always one of the top teams in the region. Up and down their lineup, they're going to have great athletes at every position and great pitching. It's definitely going to be a challenge, but our guys are excited about some head-to-head competition with a quality team."

BASEBALL STATISTICS

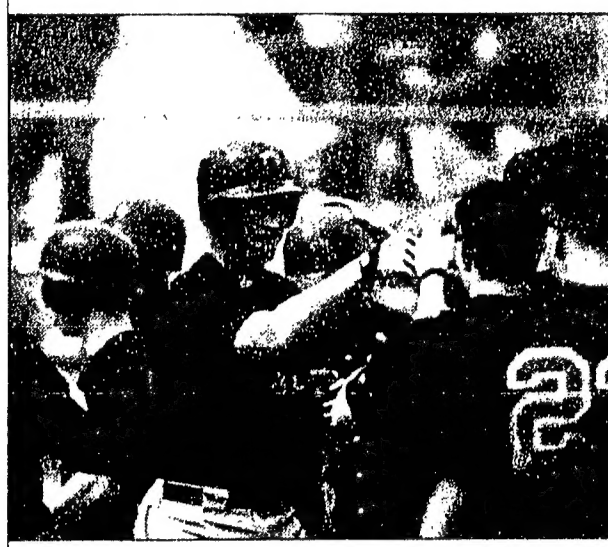
Northwest	Batting average	Opponent
.316	.327	
.59	.43	
.508	.678	
.11	.4	
.479	.460	
.13.5	.18.5	
.976	.952	
.37	.58	
.18-22	.6-8	

TEAM LEADERS

Batting average	Stolen bases
1. K. Kurtz .448	1. B. Westman 7
2. N. Pfeiffer .429	2. N. Pfeiffer 5
3. R. Bledsoe .400	3. R. Bledsoe 3
4. C. Benham .346	4. 3. Benham 1
5. T. Conner .300	

Earned run average	Home runs
1. D. Malone 4.63	1. B. Bledsoe 5
2. B. Harvel 5.28	2. K. Kurtz 3
3. J. Epley 9.64	3. N. Pfeiffer 1
	4. B. Disselhoff 1
	5. T. Conner 1

Runs batted in	Hits
1. B. Westman 14	1. B. Bledsoe 14
2. B. Bledsoe 13	2. K. Kurtz 13
3. N. Pfeiffer 12	3. N. Pfeiffer 12
4. K. Kurtz 6	4. B. Westman 4
5. T. Conner 4	4. C. Benham 4



NORTHWEST senior Britt Westman hit four home runs in four games on the team's spring trip. Westman now has 162 career RBIs, which ties Northwest's career mark.

SOFTBALL STATISTICS

Northwest	Batting average	Opponent
.352	.291	
.75	.52	
.471	.781	
.6	.2	
.458	.375	
.523	.421	
.935	.952	
.46	.58	
.18-19	.13-15	

TEAM LEADERS

Batting average	Stolen bases
1. C. Carper .585	1. L. Erin 9
2. E. Leslie .405	2. C. Carper 6
3. E. Carter .395	3. T. Graham 3
4. K. Ballard .393	
5. C. Channell .385	

Earned run average	Walks
1. C. Krueger 3.35	1. J. Knolin 12
2. K. Morris 4.24	2. K. Hessel 6
	2. L. Erin 6
	4. C. Channell 5
	5. K. Ballard 5

Runs batted in	Hits
1. T. Carter 17	1. C. Carper 24
2. C. Channell 12	2. C. Channell 15
2. C. Carper 12	2. T. Carter 15
4. K. Ballard 11	2. L. Erin 15
5. L. Erin 10	5. K. Ballard 11

Men's basketball grade card

Defense: A-
Northwest has always hung its hat on defense, and it worked well once again. The Bearcats finished No. 1 in the MIAA in scoring defense. Northwest held nearly all of its conference opponents well below their scoring average. Defense will determine how far Northwest advances in the regionals.

Rebounding: C+
The team finished near the bottom of the MIAA in offensive rebounding, and that hurt in many of Northwest's losses. Rebounding won't be the key to Northwest's playoff run. It will have to come from somewhere else.

Backcourt offense: C+
It took a while for Lance Sullivan to find his shot, and an unhealthy Mose Howard paved the way for inconsistent guard play for most of the season. Mike Larsen stepped up for a few games, while Andy Peterson was out with a back injury. Injuries, not talent, hurt the most.

Frontcourt offense: B+
Matt Withers enjoyed one of his best seasons at Northwest. While it took Hunter Henry a few conference games to get back to MVP-form, Withers' consistent play helped out greatly with Andraus Thornton hobbled by injuries. With Henry and Withers playing at a consistent level, Northwest appears primed for a potential rematch with SBU.

Women's basketball grade card

Defense: B-
This grade could be a lot better for the Northwest women. They started out the conference season giving up 97 points. That didn't last as Northwest improved, allowing 59.6 points per game during the next five games. Then the Bearcats lost their defensive edge, and the season, which seemed promising as Northwest led the conference, went downhill. Northwest gave up more than 60 points in every game but one during the season's final 12 games.

Rebounding: C
Other than Mandi Schumacher, the rebounding really wasn't there. Schumacher averaged 7.5 rebounds per game this season. The next best, Meghan Brue's 4.7 per game. The 'Cats needed an extra player to aid Schumacher's rebounding load, but it never came.

Backcourt offense: B-
Turnovers plagued the backcourt, and inconsistency hurt the team. Last year, these same players led a quality backcourt that provided balanced scoring. However, this year, the scoring was inconsistent. Brue, Kelli Nelson and Lauren Williams each averaged double figures, but on a nightly basis during the latter part of the season, scoring wasn't consistent enough to win games.

Frontcourt offense: B+
Schumacher had a stellar season averaging 15.7 points per game. The frontcourt could have been even better if Andrea Dill wouldn't have had back problems. In a season mired in inconsistency, the frontcourt came out consistent almost every night.

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Northwest Missouri State University

NWMSU, MHS Athletes of the Week

Wright

The senior from Sulphur Springs, Texas, won the MIAA indoor long jump championship last Saturday and advances to his first indoor national championship.

Schumacher

The senior forward from Columbus, Neb., averaged 14 points and 10.5 rebounds in two games against Missouri Western and Fort Hays State.

McClellan

The freshman guard scored 11 points in Maryville's 60-56 district semifinal loss to Lawson, including three 3-pointers.

Walter

The senior guard scored finished the season with 23 points in a 71-41 second-round district loss to eventual champion LeBlond.

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Editor recalls greatest moments in Royals history

Spring training is in full swing, and with March Madness still a couple of weeks away, it's time to take a look at the Top 5 moments in Kansas City Royals history.

Some of you may be asking: Has enough gone on in Royals history to warrant a Top 5 countdown? There is enough. But, is there enough for a Top 10 list? That'd be a stretch, and I don't get paid by the hour.

So, without further delay, here are the Top 5 moments in Royals history.

No. 5 — Royals became an MLB franchise

The Athletics departed for Oakland after the 1967 season. Thus, the Royals were born. The Royals played their first game in Municipal Stadium and went



Brett Berger
University Sports Editor

on to beat the Minnesota Twins in extra innings.

Lou Piniella, years before he made himself famous as a base-tossing manager, won the Rookie of the Year. Piniella went on to join the much-hated Yankees — a team that became a thorn in the Royals' side during the late 1970s.

No. 4 — Busby throws no-hitter

Only four pitchers in Royals history have thrown a no-hitter, and Steve Busby was the first. He delivered his gem on April 27, 1973, at old Tiger Stadium. He struck out four, and Busby was the first pitcher in 21 years to throw a no-hitter at Tiger Stadium. It

has been 17 years since a Royal threw a no-hitter.

No. 3 — Royals draft George Brett
The Royals drafted George Brett in 1971. He made his debut in 1973 in a brand-new Royals Stadium. He became the face of the franchise and the only player to win batting titles in three different decades.

The Royals retired his No. 5 jersey, and he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999.

No. 2 — Royals reach first World Series

The Yankees kept the Royals from the World Series through most of the '70s, but the Royals broke through in 1980. In Game 3, Brett sent Goose Gosage's high fastball into the upper deck of Yankee Stadium to send the Royals to their first World Series.

The Royals lost the series 4-2. The

Phillies took a 2-0 lead before the Royals rallied back to tie the series. That year, Brett batted .390, the second-highest regular season mark since Ted Williams' .406 mark in 1941.

No. 1 — Royals win World Series

The St. Louis Cardinals gave up in Game 7 of the 1985 World Series. The Royals blasted the Cardinals 11-0 to win their first World Series championship. Bret Saberhagen tossed a five-hitter and was named World Series MVP. Saberhagen and the pitching staff held the league's best hitting team to a .185 team batting average.

The series-deciding at Royals Stadium was set up by a dramatic finish in Game 6. A controversial call at first base allowed the Royals to rally for the win on Dan Iorg's two-run single. The Cardinals made errors down the stretch to keep the Royals in the game.

WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks

Saturday
Fairfield vs. Loyola (Md.), 1:15 p.m., ESPN 360 — Other than Sam, my colleagues just don't understand how great this time of year is. The MAAC is such a good conference, I'm watching this one while sitting at my laptop.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

The Bad News Bears, 4:45 p.m., TBS — Not a very good remake, but no championship week games are on.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Marc's TV Picks

Saturday

North Carolina at Duke, 8 p.m., ESPN — Basketball's greatest rivalry makes me smile a bit. Both of these teams are well coached, play hard-moosed basketball and do something the NBA's never heard of... they pass.

Days rating (5 of 5)

Sunday

Disturbia, 3:30 p.m., HBO — Shia LaBeouf is brilliant. Add a soundtrack with Guster and Nada Surf and I'm happy.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks

Saturday

Marquette at Syracuse, 3 p.m., ESPN — This has to be the range's 10th television appearance this year. That's too bad because the Allen Griffin and Preston Shumpp teams of the early 2000s deserved this much publicity.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Sunday

MVC Championship, 1 p.m., CBS — Much like Scott, I freakin' love Championship Week. This is just the beginning, my friend. Wait till the Northeast and MAAC get rolling.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Brett's TV Picks

Saturday

Kansas State at Iowa State, ESPN FC, 3 p.m. — Watch K-State dominate the Cyclones. Watch this one closely because it will be the last time you see K-State play a good game. They will eventually go on to the Big 12 Tourney and lay an egg.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Sunday

Oklahoma State at Texas, ESPN, 3 p.m. — The Cowboys lose by two in the last meeting. This should be another close one.

Days rating (2 of 5)

SPORTS STAFF PICKS

* We at the Northwest Missourian do not acknowledge the NBA as an actual sports organization. Therefore, no NBA picks.

Scott's Picks Prediction Record (14-10) NCAA Lock

Boston vs. Albany — Albany
My favorite time of the year is when conference tournament action begins. This is just a preview of what's to come for us early Saturday morning

as the America East conference loves having their championship game played in small gyms and on a Saturday morning.

NCAA Lock
Wright State vs. Valparaiso — Wright State

In a recent press conference, Valpo coach Homer Drew mentioned his son Bryce Drew as running the wrong play during his game-winning shot in the NCAA tournament against Mississippi.

NCAA Upset Alert
Bradley vs. Creighton — Bradley

Creighton guard Kaleb Cramer just found out he's not as good as any of his brothers. That shock spins the entire team into a tail spin, resulting in an early-round exit in the MVC tournament.

NCAA Upset Alert
Hofstra vs. Towson — Towson

Down year for the CAA, as probably only one team makes the NCAA. Towson gets some much needed revenge against Hofstra, before exiting in the next round.

Brett's Picks Prediction Record (12-12) NCAA Lock

Arizona State at Oregon — Arizona State
The Ducks are the better shooting team, but Arizona State is the better defensive team. The Sun Devils are coming off a big win against USC and OJ Mayo, the new

face-genius. The Sun Devils should close out Oregon and Oregon State to gain much-needed momentum entering the Pac-10 Tournament.

NCAA Lock
Baylor at Texas Tech — Baylor

Going into this game, you don't really know which Texas Tech team you're going to see. Since the last Tech team we saw was the one that allowed 199 points to Kansas, then I'll take that. Baylor rebounds big after a sure loss to Texas A&M.

NCAA Upset Alert
Missouri at Oklahoma — Missouri

This will be the one and only Missouri pick. I had to move away from K-State picks since they stink. Missouri, much like Oklahoma, is very inconsistent. Tigers pull this one out.

NCAA Upset Alert
Richmond at Xavier — Richmond

Beware of the Spiders.

Sam's Picks Prediction Record (12-12) NCAA Lock

Navy vs. Bucknell — Bucknell
Lights out on deck for the midshipmen. In preparation for this first-round game, the Bucknell campus banned all naval officers or former navy workers from the cafeteria. Despite some complaints, the staff did not relent, as certain sacrifices have to be made for tourney time.

NCAA Lock
Stanford at UCLA — UCLA

UCLA gets a huge win before the Pac-10 Tournament.

NCAA Upset Alert
Quinnipiac at Mount St. Mary's — "Pacmen"

This is it, boys. Do or die. NEC Tourney time. DeMario Anderson's girlfriend tried to come crawling back to him after he hit the halfcourt shot to beat CCSU, which was SportsCenter's top play last Thursday, but he turned her down in haste. He's got a conference tourney to win.

NCAA Upset Alert
Marquette at Syracuse — Syracuse

Yeah, I know the "Cuse are on the bottom side of the bubble, but they have a history of showing up big on senior day dating back to the John Wallace and Jason Hart days. They'll win, but get bounced in the Big East first round.

Marc's Picks Prediction Record (15-9) NCAA Lock

North Carolina at Duke — N.C.
Am I stupid or something? Stupid like a fox. Hansbrough and the boys won't let themselves lose to Duke twice in one season.

NCAA Lock
Miami at Florida St. — Miami

These guys have basketball programs now? Yes, they do, and they're better than their football teams this year. I've been riding Miami all year. This time, I'm riding them because they're playing well and because the Seminoles aren't.

NCAA Upset Alert
Stanford at USC — USC

It's the one good player theory. One good player can grab your team an upset if he has a great game. O.J. Mayo gives his team a chance to upset anyone if he plays out of his mind. In theory, as does Michael Plesley, but he has the counter-productive baby Bill Walker to contend with.

NCAA Upset Alert
Louisville at Georgetown — Louisville

Hibbert versus Padgett should be a good matchup. I hope Hibbert gets in foul trouble, and has to take his look of continual confusion to the bench. I've never seen a guy look like he doesn't get it as much as Roy Hibbert.

AT YOUR LEISURE

TOP PICKS

Top 5 picks of the week

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

Check it out — On Monday, MySpace.com will air "Operation Myspace," a live concert from Kuwait. The concert will feature a very diverse group of artists, including Jessica Simpson, Disturbed, Filter, The Pussycat Dolls and DJ Z-Trip. The show, which will be hosted by funny man Carlos Mencia and Metal Sanaz, will be available on MySpace at 2 p.m. EST, live on the site. Check out this group of great talents as they entertain our troops.

Opening this week — Martin Lawrence and Raven-Symone star in "The College Road Trip," opening everywhere Friday. The comedy is about an All-American high school student who plans a road trip with her girlfriends to find the perfect college. Her overprotective father doesn't think the girls should go alone, so he takes it upon himself to accompany the gang on the trip. The trip quickly becomes full of turmoil and misfortune, along with a few laughs.

Support a cause — This Web site goes toward an excellent cause, it's as simple as visiting the site at Freerice.com and giving the definition to various words. With each correctly defined word, 20 grains of rice are given to someone in a needy country. The site is strictly supported by advertisers and is a sister site of Poverty.com. Not only is this an excellent cause, it is also a great opportunity to broaden your vocabulary, which actually seems like fun to a word junkie like myself.

Get a laugh — Will Farrell never ceases to amaze me with the characters he plays. In "Semi-Pro," which hit theaters Feb. 29, Farrell plays Jackie Moon, the owner and coach for an American Basketball Association team, that is trying to make his NBA dreams a reality. Farrell always finds his way into the perfect roles and I'm sure he won't let us down in "Semi-Pro."

Get out and vote — As the three-day "American Idol" rounds come to end this week, it's now in our hands to choose who stays in the competition for the Top 10. The final two guys and two girls will be cut this Thursday, which means even a good one or two might have to head home. Check out tonight's show to see who gets cut and then check out the American Idol blog at Nvmissourianews.com to see how Missourians feel about the results.

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STROLLER

Your Man questions dirty words

Your man loves naughty talk.

When you pick up the paper weekly to read the Stroller, as I know all of you do, what you're reading isn't actually the Stroller.

I know it says the Stroller. I know it still upsets some of you and entertains at least my mother, but what you're really getting is the PG version of a much more R-rated column.

Before it ever hits the stands, the Stroller is read over carefully and edited for grammar, spelling and, worst of all, dirty words.

Sitting on the desk of those who edit this column is a book with a list of words people aren't allowed to write. Among them are the f-word, a synonym for poop, all variations of the word penis and variations of the word vagina including one that rhymes with runt. Think George Carlin's "Seven Dirty Words," modernized and much longer.



The Stroller

People call them dirty words, but I ask, why are they dirty? Do they not bathe? And I answer, because you can't answer for me, that they're dirty, because people decide they are.

Look at the f-word. It's really just a synonym for sex. People say sex all the time. I can write sex in this column, but not the f-word. Someone, somewhere along the line decided that the word sex was OK, but the f-word isn't.

Indeed, all dirty words are just synonyms for acceptable words. So, why does society get to decide which is better when they all mean the same thing?

What if, tomorrow, everyone forgot that the f-word was a bad word? Teachers, lawyers, politicians and overweight column writers with enormous egos were just throwing the f-word around like it didn't mean a thing.

Would we die of ear poisoning? I doubt it. Would we have a nation of lawless kids flipping g-birds off urinals (if you think you know what that is, comment online) and bumping to Soula Boy? Well, we have that already.

So, what are a few words going to hurt?

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

'Definitely, Maybe' is a definite must

By Gina Scaglione
Staff Reporter

Ryan Reynolds shows us a deeper side this time around that will ultimately make women viewers equally love and hate him.

"Definitely, Maybe" entertains with small laughs, roaming curiosity and even a few tears. The romantic comedy stars Reynolds and Abigail Breslin.

Will Hayes, a political consultant, is battling a divorce and in the midst of all of it he has a young daughter, Maya, to be concerned about. As they are sitting down for dinner one night, Maya asks her dad how he met her mom and about his previous relationships before her mother.

As Hayes ticks Maya her bed, he finally agrees to tell her the story, using pretend names for the women

in his story. Maya readily agrees, and he then leads her into a story about three very different women.

As the story begins, we are introduced to his college sweetheart, Emily (Elizabeth Banks of "The 40 Year Old Virgin.") Hayes leaves for New York and eventually they break up.

April (Isla Fisher of "Wedding Crashers") is the next significant woman that we meet in Hayes' life. She's very likeable, a little bit funky and they begin a friendship after his split from Emily.

Summer (Rachel Weisz of "The Fountain") meets Hayes in New York. They also begin an intimate relationship, yet it also ends.

I liked seeing an intimate side of Reynolds, but he is also unfaithful in this movie, which leads me to believe he is very confused about who he

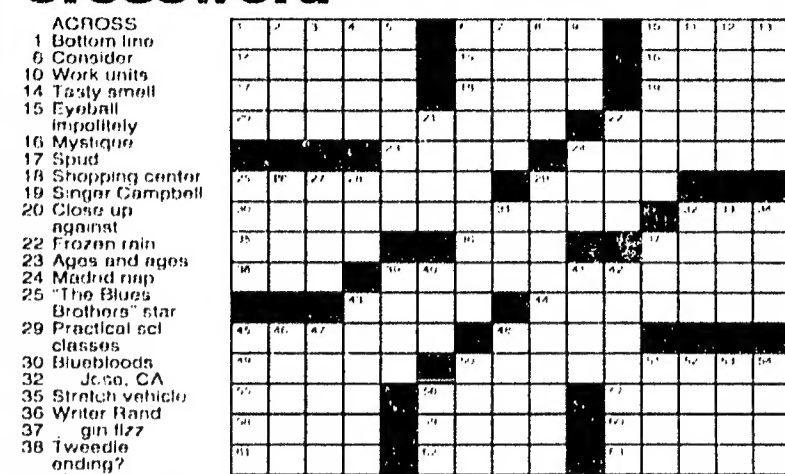
really cares about. Breslin is phenomenal as a young actress and stuns the viewers with her hilarious, and clever wit. The confusing, romantic content is maybe a little intense for a 10-year old to handle, which is why she is so perfect for the role.

This isn't a typical love story where boy meets girl, they fall in love and live happily ever after. Sadly, it holds a lot of truth about how we as a society can be easily swayed in our relationship choices.

Although I found some content offensive, I liked how the movie portrayed instances that can occur in life. In typical love stories, we almost always expect the perfect, happy ending.

"Definitely, Maybe" shows how hurtful, yet true relationships can be by throwing in some comedy to lighten the mood.

Crossword



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3 Work units
4 Baby's arrival
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An adventure in Afghanistan



Schneider
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Capt. Joseph Ensminger
Home
Maryville, Mo

By Whitney Keyes
Features Editor

When he calls, Joan Schneider's staffers know to let her know — no matter what. She will run out of a meeting to talk to him.

As soon as she gets on the phone, she checks her watch, to note the time in Maryville, but also in Afghanistan.

She then gets the rare pleasure of talking to her son, Capt. Joseph Ensminger of the Army National Guard.

Due to the complex confidentiality of his job though, it's a rare occurrence for her to get to talk to him. Ensminger is in a remote location, somewhere in Afghanistan that he cannot release. At most, Schneider knows he is in a location with no electricity, no Internet and only an emergency satellite phone.

Even though the communication is sparse for the mother-son duo, Schneider savors every moment.

"I count my blessings for having a son in this situation rather than Vietnam or World War II, because the communication is so much better," Schneider said.

When he gets the chance, Ensminger calls on the satellite phone or drops his younger brother a note on Facebook. However, chances are few and far between. Ensminger had to cancel his blog that he kept updated when he changed locations, making communication between him and his family even more difficult.

His first leg of the tour, Schneider said the two had a chance to talk multiple times a week. Ensminger would blog regularly and call Schneider on the satellite phone.

Though it was a joy to speak to him, it was hard on Schneider at the same time.

"To be talking on a satellite phone and the line goes dead and you can't call back — that's disheartening," Schneider said.

However, it's nothing the family wasn't expecting. When Ensminger decided in high school that he wanted to join the National Guard, Schneider simply said "convince me." Ensminger responded with stacks of research he had done. They had a recruiter visit their house along with an active member.

"He's very intelligent," Ensminger's younger brother, Northwest senior John

Ensminger said. "He's capable of making good decisions on his own."

Schneider also knew that her son had his head on his shoulders when making his decision.

"He's in the Army for a reason. He's in the National Guard for a reason," she said. "He believes the kids of Afghanistan deserve a future."

Upon graduation from Maryville High School, Joe attended basic training in Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. After basic training, he trained at several other camps, went to the University of Missouri-Columbia to study medicine and then headed out to Colorado.

It was while he was in Colorado that he received notice he would be deployed. After seven years of being in the military, he was going overseas for the first time.

Upon hearing the news he called Schneider's husband and told him at work. When Schneider came home from work, her husband told her the news and that Joe had requested she call him when she was ready.

"I hear we're going on an adventure," Schneider said when she called Joe.

Joe shipped out in July 2007. As of now, he does not know when he will return. Schneider keeps a picture of him on her desk and wears a mother's pin on her lapel each day.

She chooses not to watch the news, partly because Joe asked her not to, and also because it is too confusing, since she doesn't know his exact location.

Despite not knowing his whereabouts, she still sends mail when she can, although much of the mail isn't for Joe.

"He said 'I have access to what I need. Send things for the kids,'" Schneider said.

So, she sent coloring books, small toys and kites. Kites are the best to send, because they indicate a safe zone.

Since Joe's unit attempts to train and guide the Afghan National Army, he deals with the Afghan children on a fairly regular basis.

"He does not only military things, but also humanitarian things as well," Schneider said. "It's a different kind of war."

John also recognizes the changes Joe is working to make and sums it up simply.

"My brother is helping people every single day," he said. "It's a chance to give back."



"He's in the Army for a reason.
He's in the National Guard for a reason. He believes the
kids of Afghanistan deserve a future.

Joan Schneider,
military mom

I hate the way you
smell whenever you
smoke.
Flippin stop!

I don't
believe in
death



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I'm ready to
help you out of it.

As much as I deny it, I know that I'm in love with my best friend.

INTERESTING

INTERESTING

What's your dirty secret?

Interview with PostSecret creator Frank Warren

"Ambassador of secrets" Frank Warren is entrusted with secrets from all over the nation. Check inside for some of Northwest's own secrets and a glimpse into the PostSecret creator and blogger.

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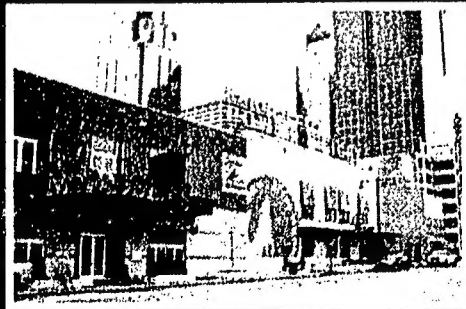
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Heartland View

Kansas City opens up posh new surroundings in downtown's new entertainment district.

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what's your deep, dark secret?
an interview with frank warren about his Web site Postsecret.com, where people can submit their secrets anonymously. warren picks out his favorites to update his site weekly. warren also has several books published of strangers' submitted secrets. page 4, 5

who are you?
find out what type of college student you are with the p.s. quiz. don't worry, you're not stuck with that label ... unless you feel the need to tell others. page 6

Thumbs up; thumbs down



- FilmCrave.com offering something different than IMDb.com
- A woman winning Best Original Screenplay at the Oscars, "Juno" writer Diablo Cody
- The drag show raising money for the ONE campaign
- Britney Spears attempting to get her life back on track
- Guys who play acoustic guitar

- Lindsay Lohan trying to be the next Marilyn Monroe
- Potholes that swallow your car
- Sweat pants and Uggs boots as an acceptable fashion choice
- Too many Facebook applications and the "invite all friends" button
- Jessica Simpson trying to make a country album



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Jared Boyle and Bethany Jones

How much studying to you do per week? How do you study?

Jared: "I study a little bit less. Probably five to six hours per week in my room."

Bethany: "Maybe 10 hours a week, just in his room on the couch."

What are you plans for St. Patrick's Day?

Jared: "Don't have any."

Bethany: "When is St. Patty's Day?"

How far out of your peer group would you date? How much does height matter?

Jared: "Height doesn't matter. Depends how much you're attracted, but 60/40 wouldn't work."

Bethany: "Height doesn't matter, because a lot of people are taller than me. It would be on an individual basis, but probably not too far."

You're stranded on an island with one CD, which one do you have?

Jared: "A burnt copy of my favorite songs."

Bethany: "I would burn a copy of my favorites off my iPod."

Which is more important to you politically — ethics or economics?

Jared: "Ethics because our country is founded on our morals and nothing else matters."

Bethany: "Ethics tends to be more toward people and that matters more than money."

P.S. want to be interviewed for he said/she said? contact the P.S. desk at 562.1224 or e-mail at ps.nwmissourian@gmail.com



CHAD SUGG, 21, a musician from Tennessee, makes up the on-man band Backseat Goodbye.

Indie one-man band a new favorite

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

I don't care if you're the goofiest looking guy in the world; if you have an acoustic guitar in your hands, you can automatically make most girls fall in love with you immediately.

After being introduced to Backseat Goodbye by a good friend, I quickly started to wonder how I didn't find him on my own during one of my many searches on Purevolume.com, a site that allows bands to communicate with their fans and offer music for downloading.

Backseat Goodbye is a one-man band made up of Chad Sugg, a 21-year-old college student at Middle Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tenn.

Sugg plays the acoustic guitar, keyboard, drum machines and anything else that he can find to make music.

Sugg's Pure Volume site is full of great, free downloads that are definitely worth checking out. In the mix of the 30-something songs are many of his originals, which he writes, and a few covers of popular songs.

My favorite is of the Moldy Peaches' song "Anyone Else but You," which the Oscar-winning movie "Juno" helped become a huge success. He covers the song almost perfectly, singing both parts of the duet by himself. I've been a huge fan of the original since the first time I heard it and to find a cover by one of my newest obsessions is pretty cool.

The best thing about Sugg is the fact that he's just like the rest of us — a typical college student. It's really encouraging to see someone who is going through the same things as I am, doing something that he loves and doing it well.

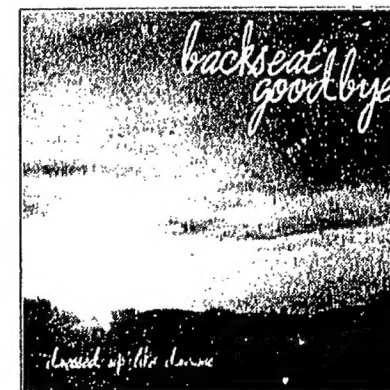
Backseat Goodbye reminds me a lot of The Format, which according to Sugg's MySpace, is one of his main influences.

I can definitely hear where their influence shows through on his music.

His mellow sound also reflects a little bit of Jack Johnson, which is nothing to complain about, either. From my first impression of Sugg, he is a nice mix of all of my favorite artists bundled into one, single guy.

I strongly encourage everyone to check out Backseat Goodbye. He can easily be found everywhere — MySpace, Pure Volume and everyone's favorite, Facebook.

I promise, if you listen to a few of his songs, you will be thanking me, just as I'm thanking my friend for introducing me to this great artist.



Northwest alumni start Web site for movie lovers

By Brian Johnson
Assistant Features Editor

Finally there is another option besides IMDb.com for movie fans. Two Northwest alumni who both graduated in 2005, Alex Olson and Josh Collins have started up their own Web site for movie fans everywhere. FilmCrave.com is an interactive site that allows members to review movies, comment other users and even make up their own movie lists such Top Action or Drama. Recently, I caught up with the two creators to ask them some questions about their endeavor.

Q: Why did you start the site?

Josh Collins: Alex and myself were both working at the CITI office and wanted to write reviews to put them on Rottentomatoes.com. Evidently they weren't accepting new critics so we decided to make a movie review Web site ... 18 months later we have a great site and are getting ready to put out a new version that will have a lot of killer features. We have been live for about 6 months and recently won Mashable's Critic Choice for "Best Niche Social Network" of 2007. It was a pretty big honor since the other awards were won by Facebook, Google and some other huge names.

Alex Olson: I think Josh and I wanted to start the site because at the time there was nothing else like it. We were frustrated with movie critics and were also frustrated by the fact that they were not accepting new critics on Rotten Tomatoes. With the success of Myspace and

FilmCrave
★.COM

Facebook we figured why not make a site where all can write reviews and rate movies as well as make new friends.

Q: Some would compare this site to the IMDb.com. How do you respond to this?

Alex: IMDb is not really a competitor of ours. They will always have more movie information than anyone in the world. But, where we excel and they don't, is in the social networking side of things. Our interaction with other members is much more easier on our site, not to mention the ability to find more useful information faster such as movie trailers, movie reviews and movie titles.

Josh: Our site is not meant to replace IMDb. IMDb is a great reference Web site, but we are more of a social network that relies on user interactions. Members write reviews, rate movies, chat with friends, watch trailers and make movie lists.

Q: How involved with the site are you?

Josh: The site is designed, coded and run by all three of us (the third being Nick Barry, a non-Northwest graduate and friend of Alex and Josh). We have a couple of volunteers that help provide content. We are currently doing all this

work on the side but are trying to expand the Web site so that we can add all the features and content by making it our full time job.

Q: Why should people get involved with this site?

Alex: This site is specifically for movie fans. Anyone who watches movies on a somewhat regular basis will find it useful. The reviews on our site reflect more of our generation's opinions on movies.

Josh: We want students to get involved in the site and share it with their friends. We really want it to be a place where movie lovers can call their own. The people that currently use the site are pretty dedicated and spend over 20 minutes on the Web site at a time. We have heard the site can be pretty addicting.

Q: Where do you see this site going in the future?

Josh: As mentioned before we are currently working on a new version of the site, which will be launched in a month or so. This version will have many new features to help users use the site as well as more pages for non-members. Alex: The future of the site really relies on its acceptance as a true powerhouse movie site. We have a lot of new things planned in the near future that will increase social interaction as well as some other cool movie things which we know will please our audience and hopefully gain new members. It seems like every week a new opportunity comes up and if it continues, FilmCrave.com will be very successful.

Staffer showcases underground discoveries

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

For my faithful readers (or those who just accidentally run across my articles), you know that I have a special place in my heart for the indie music scene. So, having this opportunity, I've compiled a list the newest batch of discoveries that I have come across in the last few days.

Chester French — I found this duo in the February issue of Spin Magazine,

love shaggy-haired lead singers, frontman John O'Callaghan fits perfectly into that role. Their sound is almost identical to The Academy Is... which is why I think I was instantly attracted to their music.

Their song "If Only I Had The Heart," which is just one of the many songs available on their MySpace page, is very upbeat and the kind of song that you have to tap your toes along with. All of their songs carry the universal theme of uppy-pop sound that I hate to love. Their debut EP, "The Way We Talk," came out

March 4 from Fearless Records. Although I have a few favorites that have been around for years, these two newcomers are riding right to the top of my list.

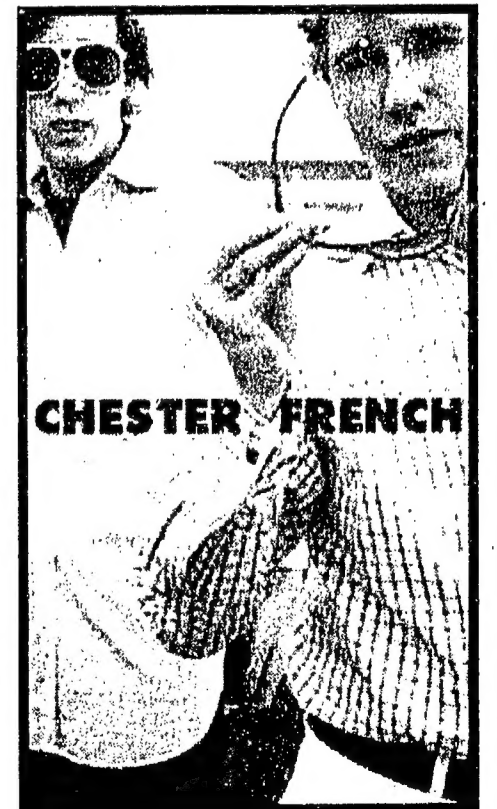
So check out their MySpace pages, or head to Pure Volume to listen to (and find your own newbies) these two groups that I hope rise right to the top.

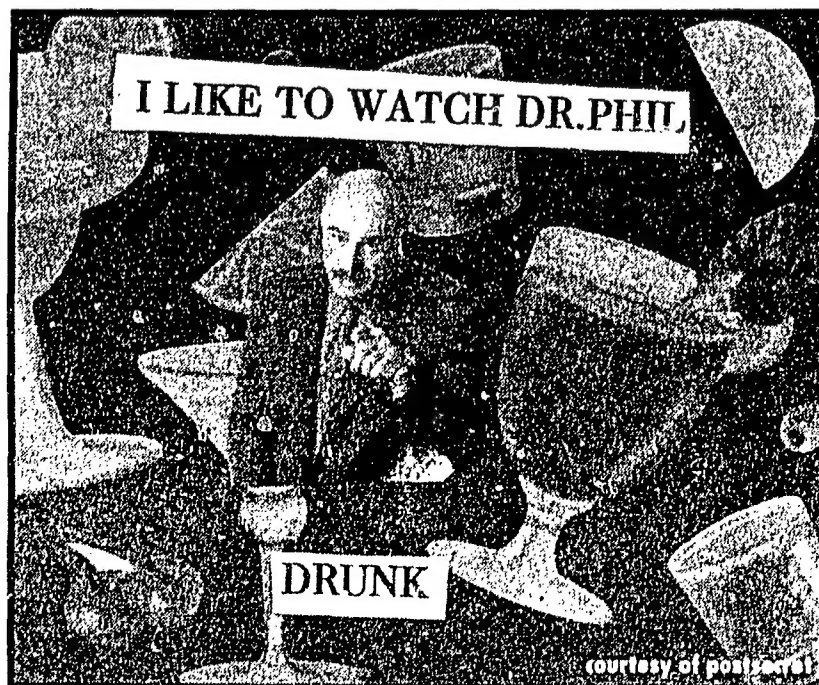
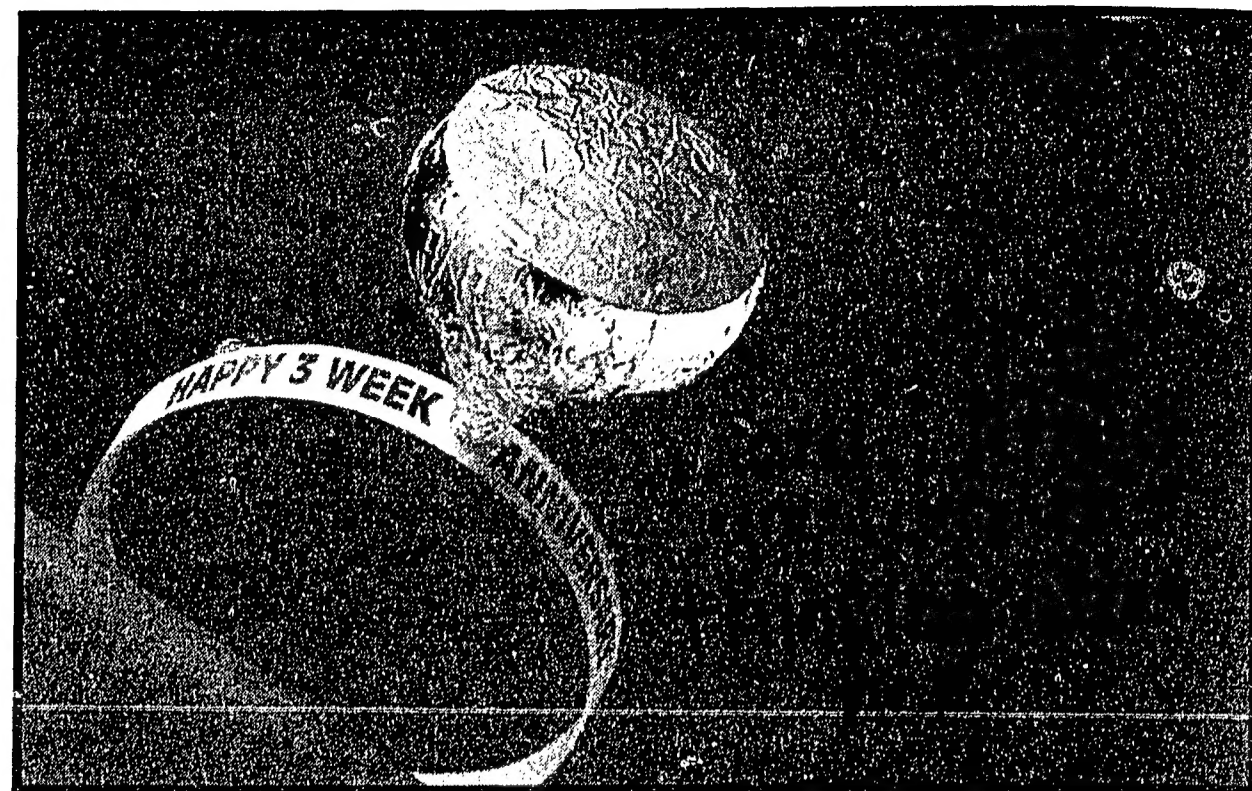
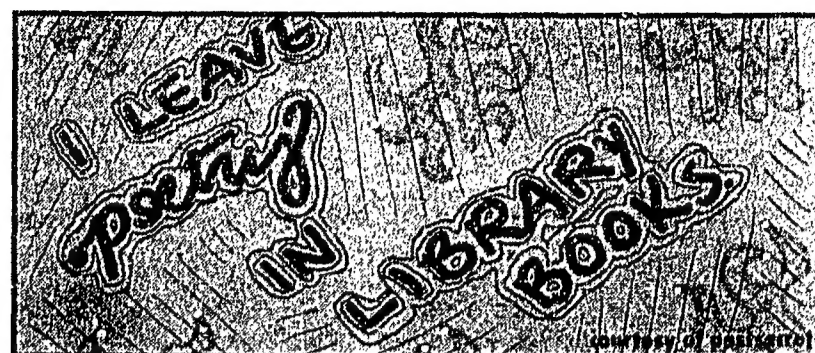
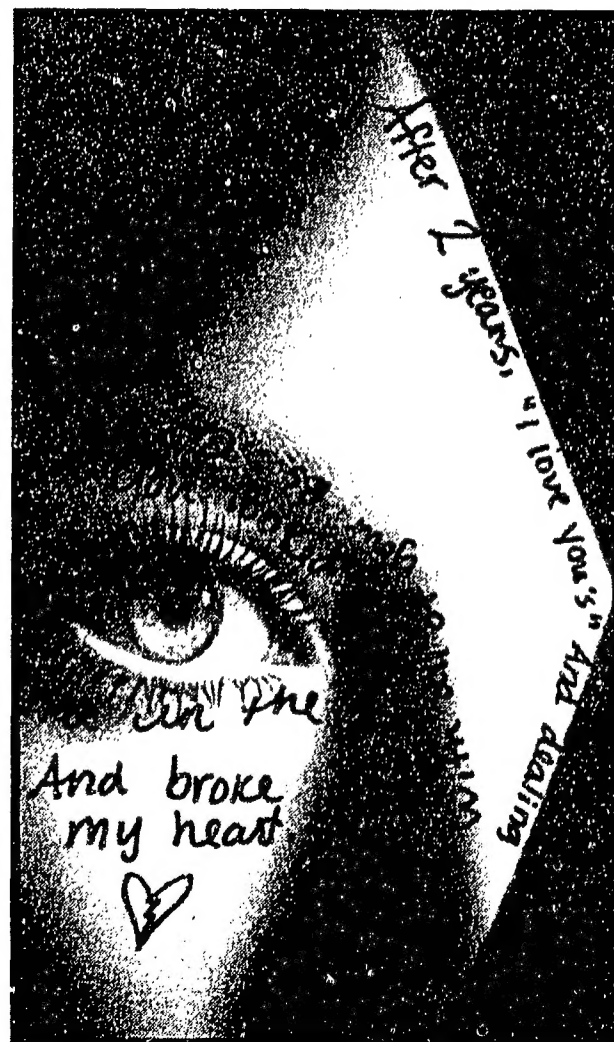
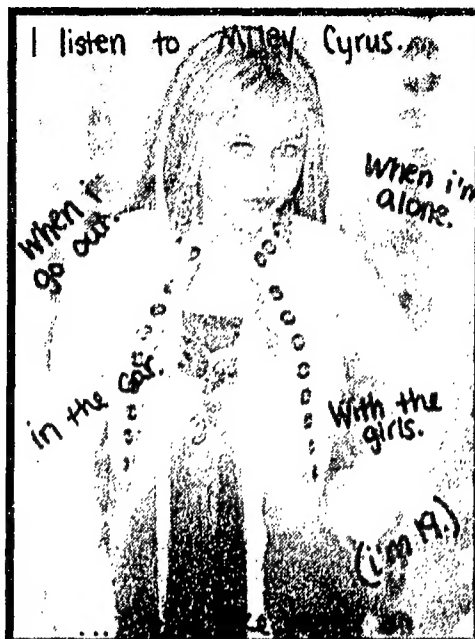
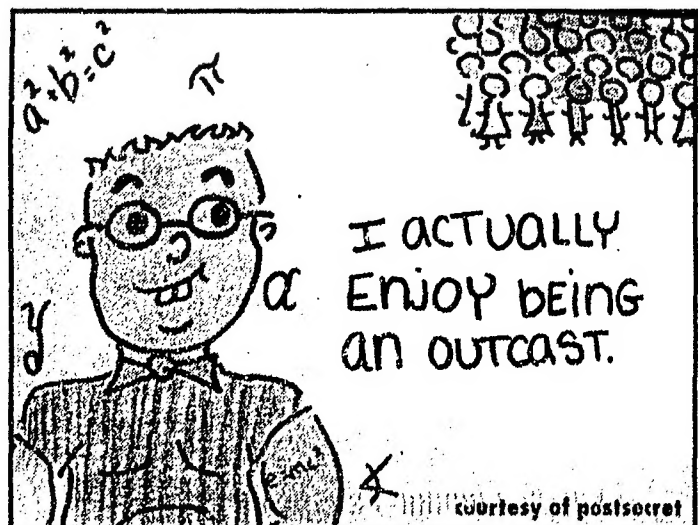
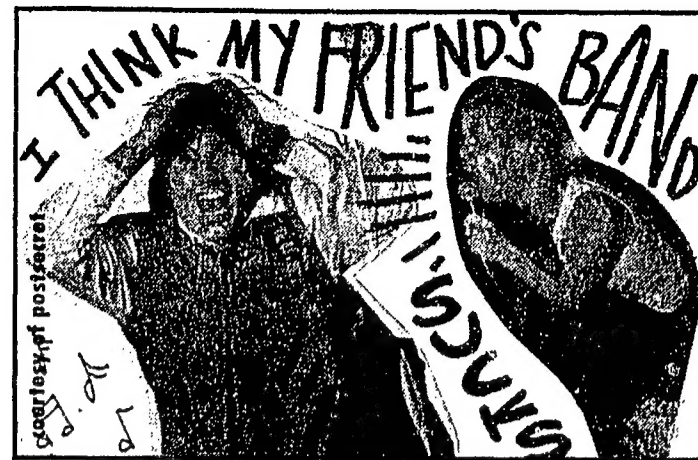
Ingrid Michaelson — I fell in love with this New York indie singer the first time I heard her song "The Way I Am."

The single is a really nice change in the love song world, meaning it's one that I actually like. Her lyrics are so simple, yet so meaningful and it's really nice to see her coming out the music scene. I head to her page at Myspace.com/ingridmichaelson to help this unsigned artist get off the ground.



Ingrid Michaelson





The Secret Keeper

Blogger Frank Warren helps strangers deal with life through anonymous postcards

By Whitney Keyes
Features Editor

She wishes her daughter was never born. Frank knows.

Somebody can't wait to go commando in the marching band uniforms. Frank knows.

He's cheating on her and she knows. Frank knows.

Frank Warren, the "ambassador of secrets," as he calls himself, reads the secrets of Americans all day long.

After being delivered by Kathy, his mail carrier, he sits at his Maryland home and reads between 100 to 200 secrets each day.

Creator of PostSecret.com, Warren encourages people to send in a decorated postcard with a secret printed on it.

Some secrets are funny, some are sad, others are completely random. But no matter what, Frank reads them all.

And then, he publishes them for all of America to read.

What was once a secret is public knowledge, donated by a stranger.

"There's something about a secret that really resonates with people. There's something about secrets that's inexhaustible."

Frank Warren,
PostSecret.com creator

Warren started PostSecret in January 2004 as a community art project. He passed out postcards in various places and asked people to decorate them and share a secret. In the beginning, he received one or two postcards a day.

"But, then, I stopped handing out postcards, and they just kept coming," Warren said.

Soon, secrets were coming in from all over the country, not

restricted by any sort of boundary such as age, region or gender.

After reading every secret that pours into his mailbox, he keeps them all in plastic totes. He estimates he has almost a ton of secrets.

Before PostSecret, Warren was a small-business owner with an interest in art. Now, he still owns his business

as an absentee owner, and dedicates his time to PostSecret, whether it be reading, traveling to lectures or updating his blog.

As much as secrets have consumed his life though, he's fine with the change in direction of his life.

"It feels good to create an environment where people don't feel they'll be judged, there's a warmth there," Warren said. "It's really found a life of its own."

The lack of judgment and the anonymity in PostSecret is what is so attractive about it, Warren said. Then, when the secrets are published, people can see themselves in it, no matter how silly.

At Virginia Tech last week, one girl stood up and said she had a secret she had never shared, until she saw it in PostSecret. The secret?

"Every time I go to the library, I have to poop."

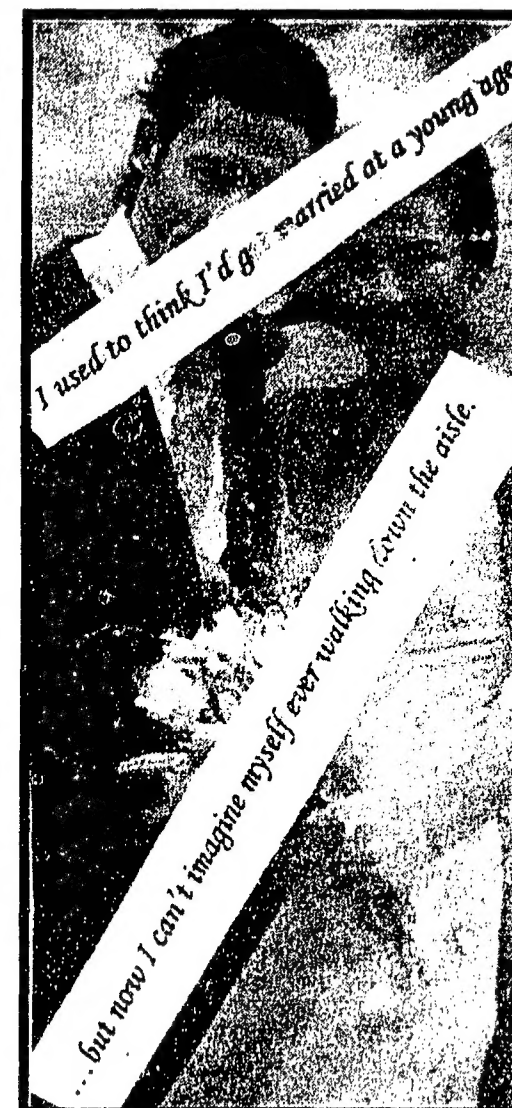
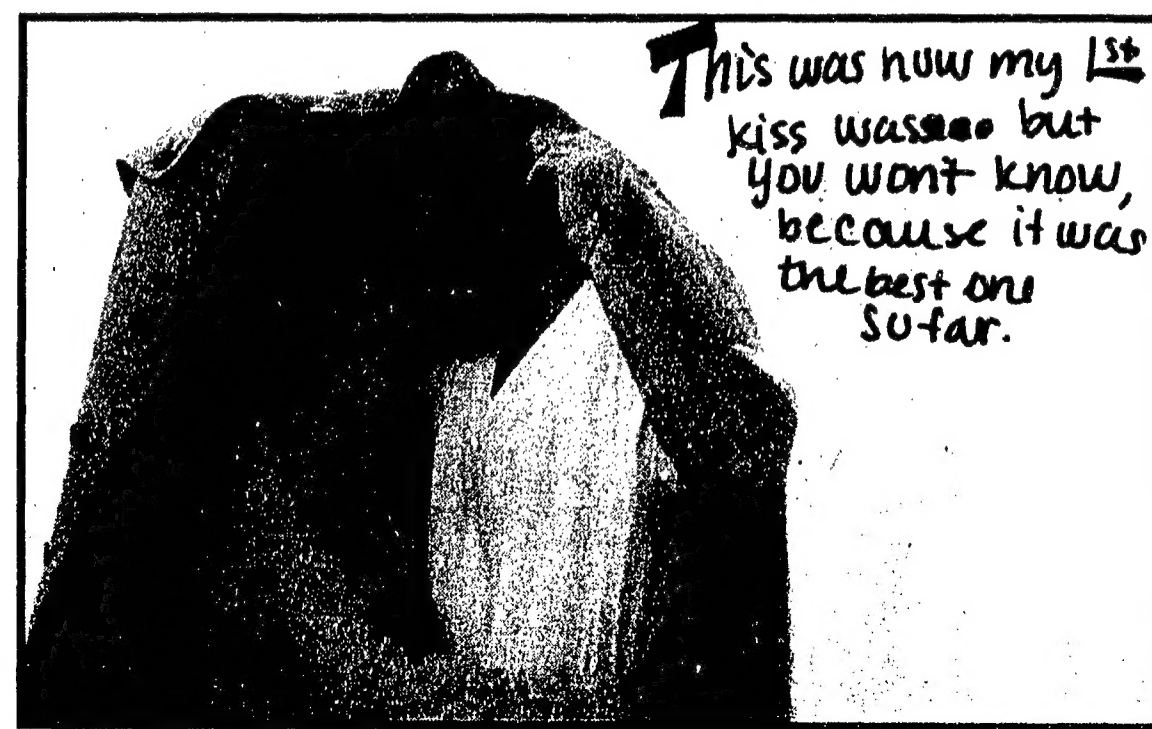
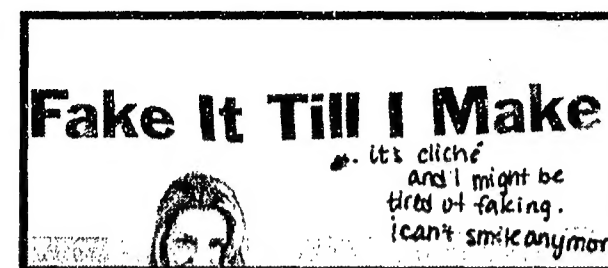
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Warren sets no goals for his project, rather, just waits to see where it takes him. But, no matter what, he said he can't wait to find out where PostSecret will take him.

"There's a power and a poignancy of the voice behind the cards," Warren said.

"It feels good to create an environment where people don't feel judged, there's a warmth there. It's really found a life of its own."

Frank Warren,
PostSecret.com creator



What kind of college stereotype do you fit?

Take this, easy, fun quiz to see which stereotype fits you best here at Northwest. Don't worry it's just a quiz.



Guys:

1. Going to class you wear...
 - 0 - Backward hat and sweats
 - 5 - Jeans and a Northwest shirt
 - 10 - A polo and khakis
 - 15 - Abercrombie and Hollister brands
2. Yes, we all know you sing in the shower. You are most likely be singing...
 - 15 - The newest Lifehouse song
 - 0 - Incubus oldies
 - 5 - "Eye of the Tiger," by Survivor
 - 10 - The "Star Wars" theme
3. Your favorite sport is...
 - 5 - Football
 - 10 - Table tennis
 - 15 - Golf
 - 0 - Beer pong
4. Your Sunday consists of...
 - 0 - Sleeping. Don't get out of bed til at least 2 p.m.
 - 5 - Sunday sports on TV
 - 15 - Watching reality television on MTV
 - 10 - Studying
5. Your college experience best represents...
 - 10 - Going to school so you can make lots of money someday
 - 15 - Looking good so you can get the babes
 - 0 - Partying five to seven nights a week
 - 5 - Playing and watching as many sports on this campus as possible

Girls:

1. Going to class you wear...
 - 5 - Northwest-related apparel
 - 0 - PINK sweatpants with a matching sweatshirt and Uggs boots
 - 10 - You dress up every day
 - 15 - Jeans and an Abercrombie sweatshirt
2. In the shower you sing...
 - 0 - "Barbie Girl," by Aqua
 - 10 - Anything Frank Sinatra
 - 5 - "Sweet Home Alabama," by Lynard Skynard
 - 15 - Anything that sounds good!
3. Your favorite color is...
 - 5 - Bearcat Green
 - 0 - Pink
 - 10 - Blue
 - 15 - Too many to choose
4. Your favorite sport is...
 - 5 - Doesn't matter, as long as it's a Northwest team I can support
 - 0 - Anything that involves a guy in a cute uniform!
 - 10 - Tennis or croquet
 - 15 - I'll play anything
5. Your college experience best represents...
 - 10 - Your education, there's plenty of time for everything else later
 - 5 - It's all about the sports
 - 0 - It's about all the close friendships you develop
 - 15 - You're here to try everything. Meet new people, learn new things and have a good time!



And the results are ...

Guys:

0-10 points

You are a party guy. You party late, sleep all day, love meeting new people and spending time with your closest friends. School is not a huge priority, although you still find a way to make it through.

15-30 points

You are a jock. You are well supported by your schoolmates and well known throughout the community. If not playing, you are sure to show your face and support other teams here on campus. Go Bearcats!

35-50 points

You are a nerd. No worries, you will be making plenty of money someday and that really gets the girls. You would rather study for a test on Friday night than hit up every party on Seventh Street. You are very organized and punctual. Teachers respect you.

50+ points

You are a prep. You are up-to-date with the latest fashion, and your clothes always match. The girls think it is cute that you care so much. You are care-free and skip class on occasion. You generally love life, the people in it and have a great time. You love trying new things, even though the initial thought of it scares you from time to time.



Girls:

0-10 points

You are a girly girl. Although you may not be active in Greek life, friendship comes first and foremost. You always look cute, even with no makeup, and you are well liked by many.

15-30 points

You are school spirited. Ladies, there is nothing wrong with this and it is something to be proud of. You love to show your school spirit by sporting the cutest Northwest gear, and you are present for all the sporting events. Without you, we wouldn't have the fan base we do.

35-50 points

You are a perfectionist. No worries, there is nothing wrong with this, and some even find it attractive. You stay up late perfecting assignments and always look good coming to class. Not only do you take care in your class work, but everything else as well including your classy sense of style.

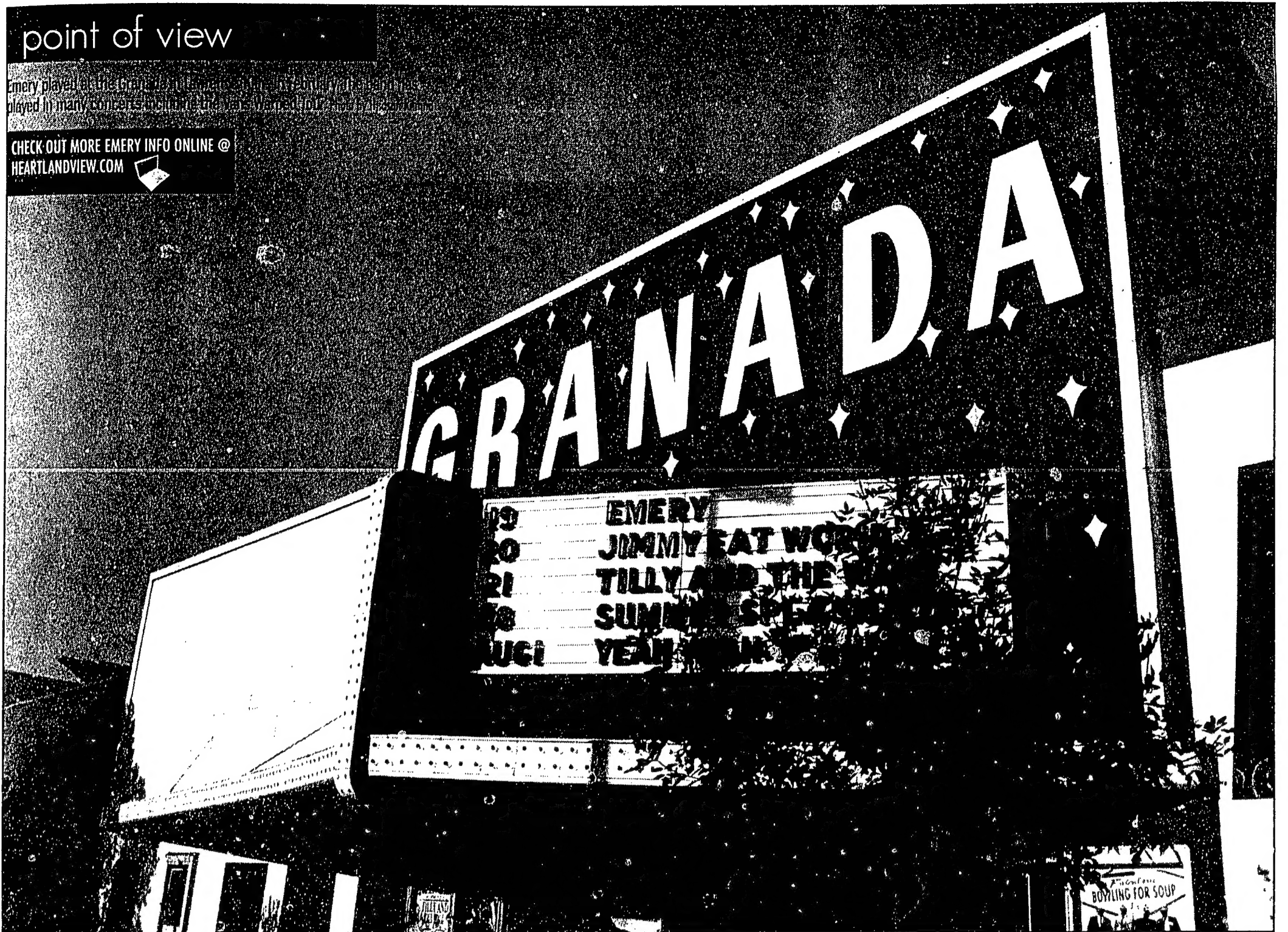
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You are the one and only all-American-girl. You love trying new things and meeting new people. You look great in the most casual clothes and you are open to new, exciting ideas. You are the first one to accept a challenge. You are well-rounded and have a hard time figuring out what things matter most, because everything is important to you.

point of view

Emery played at the 1996 Northwest Music Festival, which was played in many concert halls and arenas. Emery's music has been played in many concert halls and arenas.

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Toby Morrell takes the mic to slow things down a bit from the high energy and fast paced show. The band Emery has six members including keyboardist/dancer Josh Head. Photo by Hudson Kemna

SCREAMO FROM THE SOUTH

This South Carolina based band is making its way across the country with a strong following.

Artist: Emery

Genre: Rock

Origin: South Carolina

Albums: The Weak's End, The Question, I'm Only A Man

Some critics label Emery as an indie and rock band, others as "melodic hard core." However, Emery is the culmination of what a true rock band has always been: syncopated power chords, hard licks, high melodic riffs, fist-pumping, foot-stomping action.

Emery began in a small town in South Carolina. After playing together for a short time, they decided their musical prospects would be better suited in Seattle rather than their Southern home. Less than a year later, Emery signed a contract with Seattle-based, Tooth and Nail label. There, Emery met their producer, Ed Rose, who prior to Emery had attained a small level of success with previous bands.

Emery's debut album, The Weak's End wasn't the greatest of successes, receiving mixed reviews. However, Emery kept on with the style they wanted to portray, and after releasing a third album, the band has become a serious player in the music scene. Over the course of the next five years, Emery toured the country forming a strong following, and produced two more albums: The Question, and most recently I'm Only A Man.

Emery recently played at Liberty Hall in Lawrence, Kan., on February 7, and they put on a great show. The next local show Emery is playing is March 17, in Joplin, Mo., at The Foundry Music Theatre. Tickets will be available on ticketmaster.com. Additionally for more information on Emery, visit their Web site at emerymusic.com.

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The main drag of the Kansas City Power and Light District begins here. The district was named after KCP&L because of its modern architecture. Photo by Lindsay Edwards

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The store front of Vinino gives a hint to its artistic flair. The Italian bistro opened its doors on November 16, 2007. Photo by Lindsay Edwards



McFadden's plays loud music or the play by play, depending on the time of day to draw a crowd. The sports saloon also opened its doors in November 2007. Photo by Lindsay Edwards

VIBRANT BEGINNINGS

Kansas City opens up posh new surroundings in downtown's new entertainment district.

It's just what the doctor ordered; if the doctor provided prescriptions for cities needing a revival, this would be it.

The Kansas City Power and Light District is located from 12th street to I-670 to Baltimore Ave., to Grand, or if you are familiar with Kansas City, Mo., adjacent to the Sprint Center. This nine block, \$850 million renovation will be the largest development project in the Midwest.

Owned by the Cordish Company of Baltimore, Md., the group decided to name the district after the art deco style of the KCP&L building. The area will soon have brick sidewalks, fountains and fire

pits to encourage a quality outdoor experience.

Additional encouragement may stem from the "KC Live!" area which features a multi-level outdoor rendezvous with restaurants, bars and entertainment options.

This outdoor area is covered by an atrium that is the first of its kind to be built in the U.S. This roof system is produced by Structure Flex and is made of a special kind of material that keeps the cool air in during the summer and warm air in through the winter. This "KC Live!" area will house events ranging from live music, to family festivals and alumni parties during the Big 12 Tournament.

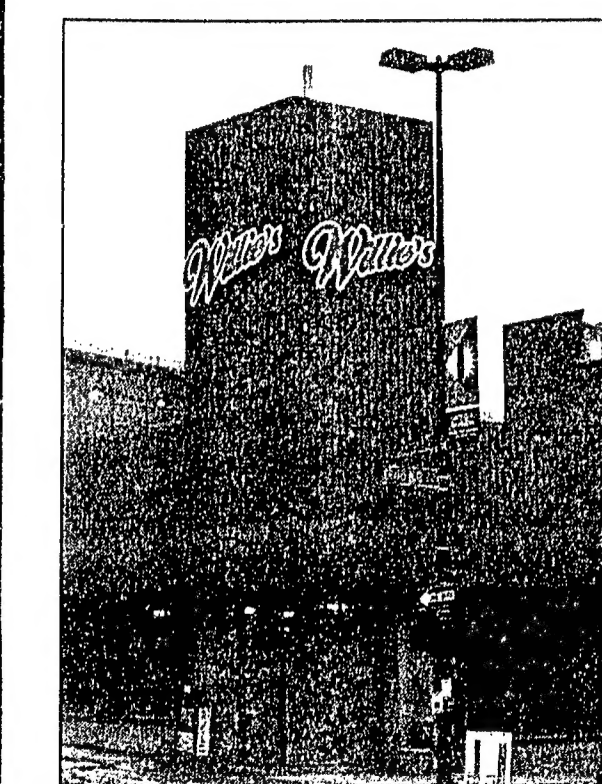
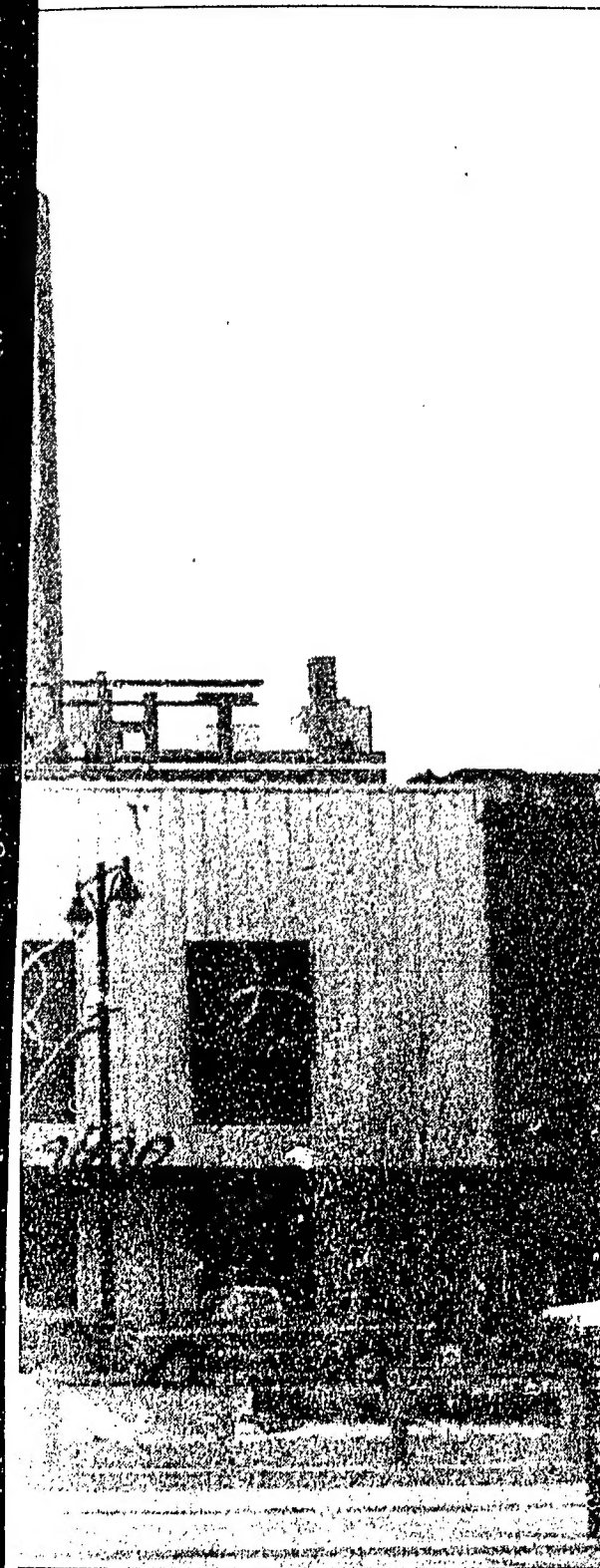
The entertainment district will be the only place in KC where patrons from the bars are allowed to walk around outside with alcoholic beverages, as long as the where they are walking around in is not open to traffic, like the "KC Live!" area.

Patrons must also have their beverage in a plastic container with the logo of the bar in which they purchased it from.

The area's tenants include a plethora of bars and restaurants that are entirely new to the Midwest as well as old favorites.

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Willie's, a local Kansas City bar, sits on the corner adjacent to the Sprint Center. Willie's opened in September of 2006. Photo by Lindsay Edwards

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Vinino

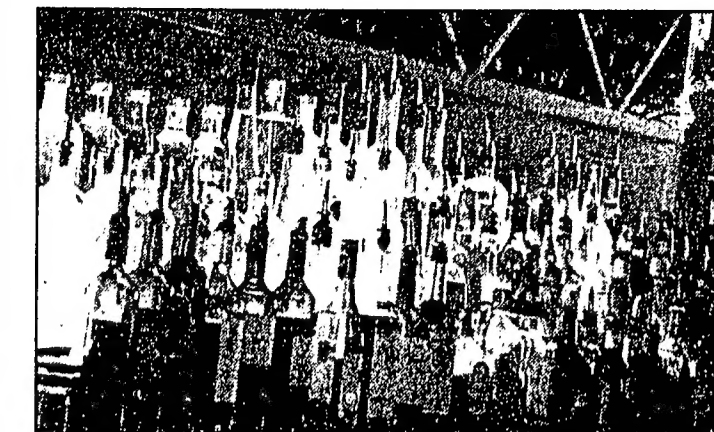
Vinino is a wine bistro, restaurant and bar that features a wide variety of wines by the glass or bottle, and hand crafted cocktails made with fresh squeezed juice. The Restaurant itself is inviting with cozy couches and romantic, warm lighting. The mere design of Vinino calls for patrons to sit, relax, sip a glass of wine and enjoy intimate conversation among friends.

"The idea behind Vinino is high end service, in a comfortable and relaxed environment," Manager, John Donnelly said.

Vinino's menu offers delicious Italian inspired dishes. The warm glow of the pizza oven resonates the glowing and inviting tone inside the restaurant.

"We are an adult alternative, not a stuffy restaurant," Chef Marshall Roth said.

The creative dishes, the servers casual clothing and Roth's mohawk are what make Vinino mirror the tone of the upcoming area... fresh, artsy and intriguing.



The bar inside Vinino was backlit to give the bottles an appetizing glow. The bar serves a variety of freshly squeezed, handcrafted cocktails as well as a unique wine selection. Photo by Lindsay Edwards

McFadden's

Before entering McFadden's, the music or game play-by-play can be heard from the street. The outdoor sound system draws guests in to this very large and energetic bar.

During the day McFadden's is a casual restaurant and bar that offers classic foods like soups, salads, sandwiches and burgers. At night, McFadden's turns into a big party complete with a velvet rope-line out front. The line has a tendency to crawl down the block.

"When guests first come in here, we want them to feel shock and awe in a positive sense," head doorman Jeremy Bonewitz said.

McFadden's is complete with three full service bars; the bar service runs all top shelf liquor. Thursday through Saturday offers a live disc jockey that plays a variety of party tunes from,

McFadden's five o'clock bar crowd enjoys a few rounds while college basketball flashes across the many flat screens. McFadden's has happy hour Sunday through Friday from four to seven. Photo by Lindsay Edwards

Tenacious D to Jackson 5. Patrons dance near the bars, in the isles and on top of tables singing along to the music in the high-energy atmosphere. Throughout the night, the DJ covers the crowds in confetti made from beverage napkins.

"We want people to have a unique experience and a good time," Bonewitz said.

Willie's

Where everybody knows your name. Willie's opened in September of 2006. This establishment remembers when everything was under construction. The bar specializes in its hot wings and cold beer.

"We are just your local, neighborhood bar," Manager Dustin John said.

Willie's draws a crowd for the games and the usual weekend happy hour.

"A typical weekend night is lively and a laid back good time," John said.

Willie's is located one block south of the KCP&L district.



A group of friends meet to watch college basketball. The Big 12 Tournament will soon draw larger crowds to the Sprint Center and the KCP&L district. Photo by Lindsay Edwards

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An introduction to Emery, an indie hard rock band from South Carolina.

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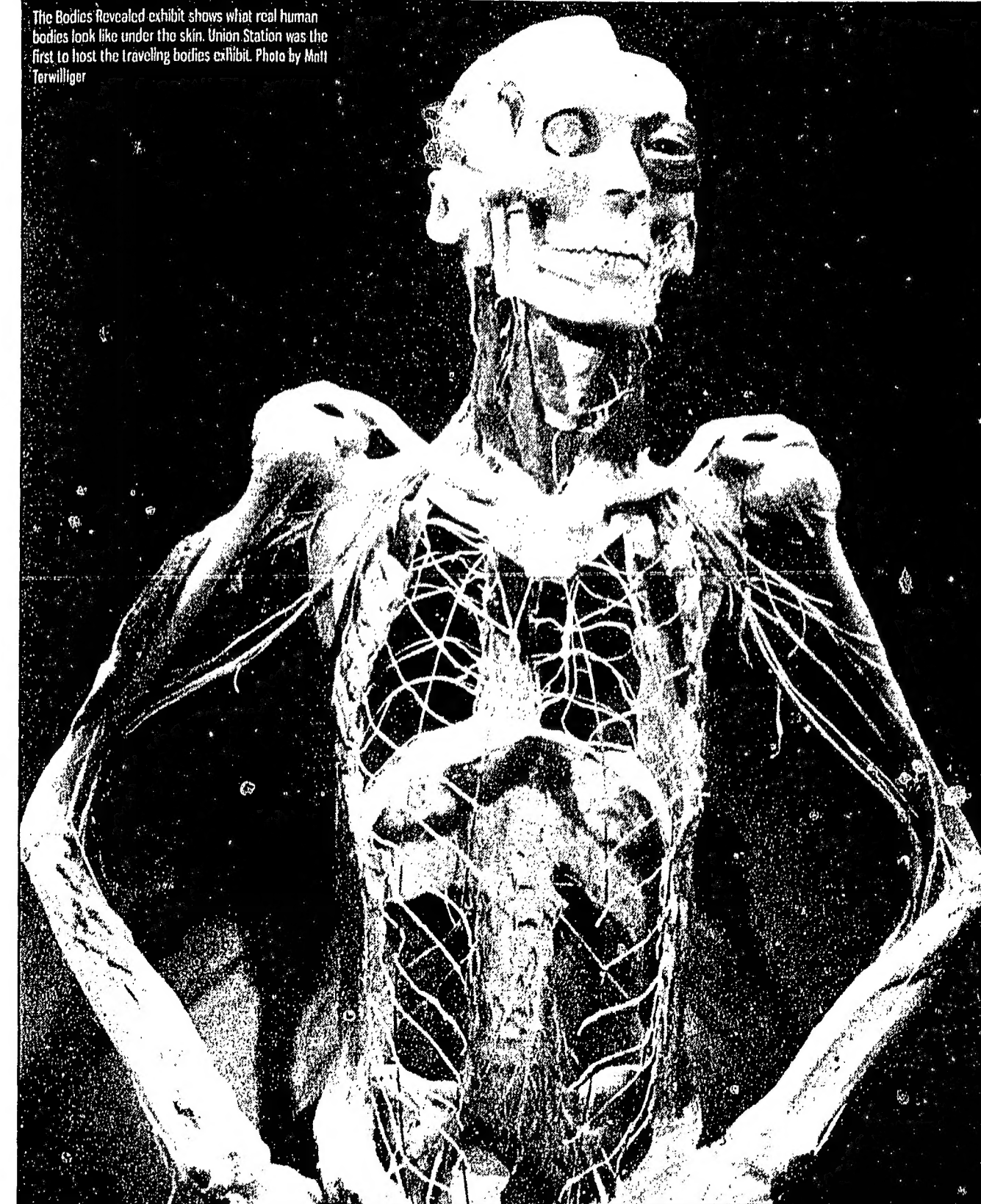
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An empty stage awaits Emery of the Granada in Lawrence, Kan. Emery will perform March 17 in Japan.
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The Bodies Revealed exhibit shows what real human bodies look like under the skin. Union Station was the first to host the traveling bodies exhibit. Photo by Matt Terwilliger



Thousands are flocking to see the controversial exhibit, Bodies Revealed. While opinions differ on many fronts, the exhibit allows viewers to see the human body as never before.

Union Station is proud to be the first to host the Midwest debut of Premier Exhibitions Bodies Revealed, which will run through Sept. 1. This exhibit is a fascinating visual of what our bodies actually look like just beneath the skin.

Visitors of all ages are invited to take a walk through the human body and all the complexities, which make it unique.

Nine sections of the body's systems are highlighted including circulatory, reproductive, nervous, and respiratory. Each system reveals something fascinating and educational about the bodies in which we inhabit.

This eye-opening experience also provides a first-hand view of the harmful effects of smoking, emphysema, lung and breast cancer, cirrhosis of the liver and bone fractures.

Premier Exhibitions has assured Union Station that all obtained specimens are real bodies that have died of natural causes and were willingly donated to science. The bodies have undergone a new process called plasticization, which allows total preservation and protection to actual human bodies and their internal systems.

Accurate and labeled displays of the body allow an easy self-guided tour of the exhibition. However, handheld audio guidance is available for an additional fee. Not only does each displayed system provide essential medical explanations, but in each room

Medical students and doctors are available to answer any questions viewers might have.

Only first-hand experience can truly illustrate this rare and valuable journey through the body.

Exhibition hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5:30 p.m. The exhibit is closed on Mondays. Tickets are on sale now online at unionstation.org, by phone (816) 460-2020, or at the Union Station Ticket counter.

Prices for adults (13 and up) are \$24, children (4-12) are \$19, and Union Station members are \$19. Group rates are also available for groups of 15 or more. Tickets for this exhibit are timed, allowing approximately 90 minutes in the gallery.

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An actual human heart on display. The Bodies Revealed exhibit is the first art exhibit of its kind to travel the nation. Photo by Matt Terwilliger

MORE THAN SKIN DEEP

A traveling art exhibit displays dead bodies to show parts below the epidermis.



The human brain dissected on display for an artistic insight on the most complex creature on earth. The exhibit will run nationwide until September 1, 2008. Photo by Matt Terwilliger

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DOWNTOWN REVIVAL

Kansas City Power and Light district explodes with new bars, clubs, restaurants and outdoor concert venue.



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